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PIECEGOODS

DEALERS WHO COULD NOT
TAKE UP

BANKRUPTCY CASES.

J. D. Hutchison and Co. and
Lexley and Co. were the petition-
ing creditors in respect of piece-
goods dealers in the Bankruptcy
Court this morning.

Mr. Hugh Jones represented
both European firms.

The first case was that of the
affairs of Kwong Leun King, of
37, Jervois Street. \$78,446 was
due to J. D. Hutchison and Co.
under contracts for piecegoods
which were still in petitioning
creditors' hands and were now
valued at \$50,000.

From information received
from the foks of the debtor firm
and the compradore's association
(a number of whom had other
claims) it was understood that
the total liabilities of the debtor
firm were \$480,000, most of which
claims were similar ones for
piecegoods dealings. The goods
held under those contracts were
now valued at \$320,000. The
goods in the shop of debtor firm
were valued at \$12,000. There
thus seemed to be a total deficit
of \$148,000, said Mr. Hugh Jones.
All the contracts were overdue for
the taking up of the goods.

The Official Receiver remarked
that the value of the assets de-
pended entirely on the piecegoods
market. In the present state of
trade, if the goods in question
were put on the market, would
they realise the amount claimed?
The actual assets held by the
debtor firm only amounted to the
\$32,000, value of the goods in the
shop. The Ordinance provided
for such petitions as was being
asked for by creditors in this
case, only to be given where there
was substantial assets. In view
of the liabilities, could that
amount be held to be substantial?
Usually he (the Official Receiver)
look 10 per cent. of the liabilities
to be "substantial" which was
even then a very elastic inter-
pretation.

"A Prophet."
Mr. Hugh Jones said that it
must be borne in mind that any
improvement in the piecegoods
market would influence the
debtor's affairs beneficially both
ways for it would reduce the
claims and increase the value of
the assets.

His Lordship: You are asking
me to play the part of prophet of
the future market. I must con-
tent myself with the present.
However, I am inclined to think
that the word "substantial" does
not necessarily mean proportion-
ately substantial. \$12,000, is
quite a large amount.

After Mr. Philip Stanley
Cassidy (partner in J. D. Hutch-
ison and Co.), also the compradore
of J. D. Hutchison, had given
evidence of the debt, a receiving
order was made.

Judge's Criticism.
Regarding the case in which
Lexley and Co. were the petition-
ing creditors. His Lordship
strongly criticised the action of
certain of the creditors who were
alleged by the Official Receiver to
have gone to the premises of the
debtor firm and packed in cases
certain of the goods.

The compradore of Lexley and
Co. said in the witness box this
had been done by foks of the
debtor firm. He denied that he
had superintended the packing up.

Mr. Hugh Jones remarked that
presumably it had been done to
protect the goods.

His Lordship: But the credi-
tors had no earthly right to ac-
tually that. Suppose some of the
assets had disappeared. If that
sort of procedure is allowed what
is there to prevent the ox that
breatheth out the corn from eating
most of it.

Mr. Hugh Jones: It must have
been done with the best of inten-
tions with a view to protecting the
assets of the general body of
creditors.

His Lordship: But it is a most
improper procedure. Creditors
have no right to take upon them-
selves duties devolving on the
official receiver. Business was
closed and there was no one in
charge there. The creditors seem

to have swooped down on the
business, intermeddled with it and
taken control of the whole situa-
tion.

In view of the action that had
been taken he would dismiss the
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TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.
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on demand, to-day was 2/3 13/16

OBITUARY

FORMER RESIDENT'S DEATH
IN TORONTO.

MR. DENIS G. SMITH.

The many friends he had in
Hongkong, particularly among the
younger fraternity, will regret to
hear of the death in Toronto, of
Mr. Denis George Smith who was
in Hongkong for three or four
years.

The late Mr. Smith was a late
partner in Brewer and Co., the
local booksellers, and left Hong-
kong at the end of 1923 on medical
advice. He was a victim of tuber-
cular trouble.

The late Mr. Smith was well
known as a raconteur and was an
excellent entertainer. His ser-
vices were often in demand. He
was 26 years of age and single.

SHIPPING MERGER.

N.Y.K. ABSORBS A T.K.K.
LINE.

LOCAL OFFICE GOES?

The merger between the N.Y.K.
and one of the T.K.K. companies
which was reported a few days
ago to be pending, has now actual-
ly taken place.

The N.Y.K. takes over the
secondary T.K.K. which operates
five San Francisco and four South
American line steamers. Book-
ings by these steamers will be in
the hands of the N.Y.K. as from
March 15.

The merger does not affect
what is known as the "No. 1
T.K.K. Co." which will still have
its office in Tokyo. That company
operates 11 steamers including
one tanker.

Interviewed by a "China Mail"
reporter this morning, the local
manager of the T.K.K. said that
he expected the Hongkong office
of the T.K.K. would close shortly.

MOTOR MISHAP.

MRS. STAPLE'S FORTUNATE
ESCAPE.

RICSHA OVERTURNED.

In a motor accident at Queen's
Road East, near Tai Wong Street,
a European lady, the wife of Mr.
K. K. Staple of the P.W.D., was
thrown out of a ricksha in which
she was travelling when a motor
car overturned it yesterday.

The lady was promptly taken to
the Naval Hospital, but was not
seriously injured.

The driver of the car in a re-
port to the police blamed another
for cutting past him and obstruct-
ing the way. To prevent a collision
with another car which was
approaching from behind, it was
alleged that he had to swerve to
the side of the road and struck
the ricksha.

The damage to the ricksha
amounted to a broken wheel.

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L33 DAMAGED.

COLLISION WITH FERRY IN
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TOWED BY TUGS.

A collision took place in the
western limits of the harbour this
morning between L33, one of the
submarines attached to the
China Squadron, and the Tai O
launch which was on its outward
journey.

The L33 was at the time in
company with several other sub-
marines which were leaving Hong-
kong for Singapore.

The submarine sustained con-
siderable damage and, on the naval
authorities being communi-
cated with, naval tugs
were sent to the scene. The
other submarines, receiving as-
surance that there was no danger
of forced submergence, continued
their journey.

The damaged L33 was towed
back to the dockyard for examina-
tion. Other than that the dam-
age is considerable, no official news
of actual details is available. The
L33 will have to be put into dock
for repairs.

Two Chinese were charged before
Major C. Willis at the Central
Magistracy this morning with theft
of a pair of binoculars and alterna-
tively with receiving stolen goods.
The owner of the binoculars, Leung
Yau-chung, a clerk living at
Stanton Street, described his visit
to the Japanese stand to watch the
races on Wednesday in the course
of which he found his binoculars
case empty. The loss was reported
to the police and some days later
the glasses were found in the pos-
session of a Chinese at Man Hing
Lane, who accused the two defend-
ants of having left the article
with him for sale.

The first defendant accused his
fellow prisoner and the informer as
being the persons who offered to
sell the glasses to him after invit-
ing him to smoke opium with them.

His Worship considered that the
evidence of the informer alone was
not sufficient to convict the defend-
ants on the charge of theft. He
held that the informer should also
have been charged on a charge of
receiving the stolen property. The
case was adjourned until to-mor-
row.

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SHARE BOOM?

LOCAL STOCK QUOTATIONS
MOVE UP.

HOLDERS NOT SELLING.

If there is no actual boom, there
are signs there an appreciable re-
vival in local stocks and shares has
begun. Quotations are moving up-
wards although transactions are
still "strictly for cash" and there
is no forward business. Another
feature of Ice House Street is that
there are many buyers but very few
sellers. The impression, therefore,
is that holders are waiting for a
further rise.

"Well, things are moving now,"
replied a broker, with a broad
smile, to a "China Mail" man this
morning. Asked to explain the
situation to a layman he said:

"Prior to China New Year, there
were sellers and no buyers, holders
trying to dispose of stocks (in
exchange for hard cash) for the
annual settlement. Now the posi-
tion is reversed. People want to
buy but sellers are not satisfied
with the present comparatively low
quotations. However, the 'really
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tions have not come in yet. That
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moved two, three, or even four
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VETERANS OF 26

OLD TYPHOON "HEROES" TO
RETIRE.

NEW "STAR" FERRIES.

Veterans of 26 years old each,
two typhoon "heroes" in the
"Star" Ferry Co.'s "Southern
Star" and "Northern Star" are
advertised for sale.

Since they were built in 1900,
these two boats were in service
during the big typhoons of 1906
and 1923. Those in the company
do not recall any particularly ex-
citing incident in connection with
them.

When a "China Mail" reporter
inquired this morning, Mr. F. H.
Crapnell, secretary, said that full
details were available for prospec-
tive buyers. At present the
"Northern Star" was still in regu-
lar service and the "Southern"
was the spare boat. If a pur-
chaser stipulated, one boat could
be delivered immediately.

The sale of these boats came as
a sequel to the placing in service
of the two present bigger
launches and the other two that
would be ready shortly. One of
the latter had been launched and
may be ready next month. The
last is expected to be launched a
month or so later. When these
were completed, the two oldest
boats would not be required.

It will be interesting to see
what use is made of these two
double-enders, for whom some
Kowloon folk will have a lingering
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Comparatively speaking — for
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"TOC H."

MR. CLAYTON'S LOCAL NOTES.

"TEN YEARS AGO."

Mr. P. B. Clayton, who is so popular in connection with the "Toc H" movement, writes thus in the March number "St. John's Cathedral Notes":—

Ten years ago, a battered House in Flanders opened its doors to all and sundry in the Salient of Ypres; but, instead of dwindling into importance like most war-torn houses, Toc H has had the courage to extend and to expand. It has extended its Membership so that the veteran is to-day but a title of its active list, and it has expanded from one broken Belgian house, hilly and its name is a watchword among the British stock in many far corners of the World.

As the Red Cross Society sprang from Scotland, and the Boy Scouts from Mafeking, so Toc H is emerging as the triumphant trophy wrested from the last great Tragedy of war to draw the younger men of the race in many spare time tasks of service. Toc H in its own way is a great structural achievement as that gigantic causeway in process across Sydney Harbour. It is in fact a fourfold bridge, built from both ends at once. In age, it spans the gap, so dangerous and dispiriting, between the Boy Scout and the Rotarian, and enters deeply into the aims of both. It is a bridge to leap the gulf which inherited class consciousness makes ever more divisive and distressing between the young employer and the young employed; and Toc H springs happily from both sides at once. It is a link which is at least beginning to lessen the alienation between the younger men and organised religion; for in Toc H the Padres of many churches may meet their men in the happiest and most wholesome spirit of understanding, with a common aim of doing good, which leads them back to the deeper needs of life itself within the world-be worker for God's Kingdom. And now Toc H has yet another cause at heart, and is building a further causeway to carry it. This is the spanning of the wide seas which separate the younger men of the Empire, sprung largely from the same stock, bred in schools and circumstances which have at least certain great common factors, but pitifully ignorant of one another, and lacking any great unifying principle of purpose. Yet on them, in a few years' time, falls the Titanic task of making the Empire one household more than ever.

Towards all this, the little Lamps of Toc H, lit by the Prince and upheld undimmed by teams of Serving Brethren, may prove an incalculable contribution. Last December was especially significant, for it saw not only the end of the first decade of Toc H, but the homecoming of its first world-missionaries. In Toronto, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Vancouver, out on the Western prairies and south west in British Columbia, Toc H is building bravely. In New Zealand, four units have their feet firm and their hands busy with good deeds. In Australia, where (apart from a few survivors and a handful of jackaroos) Toc H was unknown a year ago, there are now ten units well and truly founded, with some surprising resources in men and money already; and in Singapore, Colombo, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Cairo, and Jerusalem have their groups well gathered. Meanwhile the Prince himself has laid some good seed for Toc H in South Africa, when a formal opening follows in 1926; and in Buenos Aires he has confirmed the Branch, whose Lamp he lit last year. This December it is possible that he will also be called upon to light a Lamp for men who will never be his subjects. Toc H is growing deep in the Eastern United States. Its first House there is now open at Washington, and there are many seedlings in Pennsylvania and New England.

In previous years at the Guildhall, the Prince, assisted by such men as Lord Grey of Faldoen, Sir James Barris, and Sir Charles Harrington, has lit the growing circle of these Lamps; and many men have wondered. This year the Birthday Festival of Toc H will be a portent that must carry round the map, to call our breed of men from far and near to find more pleasure in their duty, more fibre in their faithfulness.

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HAYLEY MORRIS.

DECISION OF COURT OF APPEAL.

AN APPALLING CASE.

In a court crowded with barristers and the general public, Hayley Morris, of Pippingford Park, Uckfield, Sussex, and his young wife, Madeline, applied for leave to appeal against their convictions at Lewes Assizes. The applications were dismissed, and the Lord Chief Justice directed that both the sentences should start from that day. Morris and his wife were found guilty on December 17 last of offences with regard to young women whom Morris employed at his house, and the sentence passed on the husband by Mr. Justice Avey was two years' hard labour and one year without hard labour (both terms to run consecutively). A sentence of nine months' hard labour was passed on the wife for conspiracy and for aiding and abetting her husband.

Sir Douglas Hogg, K.C. (the Attorney-General), Sir Edward Marshall Hall, K.C., and Mr. John Flowers appeared for the crown. Mr. Roland Oliver, K.C., and Mr. St. John Hutchinson represented Hayley Morris, and Sir Henry Curtis, Bennett, K.C., and Sir Travers Humphreys were for Mrs. Morris.

Both prisoners asked for permission to call further evidence, but only Morris himself asked to have the sentence reviewed. While he did not appeal against the conviction for procuration and the consequent sentence of two years' hard labour, he wished to appeal against the conviction for conspiracy and alleged assault, and against the sentence of one year's imprisonment without hard labour.

Mrs. Morris in Dock. Mrs. Morris, who was accompanied in the dock by two wardresses, wore a smart brown costume with a small hat to match. She looked pale. During the hearing of the case she often wiped her eyes with a handkerchief.

Morris, who sat next to her with two wardresses on his left, frequently spoke to his wife. When he first entered the dock he shook her hand, smiled, and had a short conversation with her.

Sir Henry Curtis Bennett, dealing with the applications of Mrs. Morris, said the notice of her appeal stated that the refusal of Mr. Justice Avey to postpone her trial when application was made, owing to her condition of health, amounted to a denial of justice, for it was not arrived at by the exercise of judicial discretion, but was an arbitrary decision contrary to the only evidence on the matter before the court.

Mrs. Morris's application was based on three points:—The first was whether or not the judge had in fact exercised his discretion judicially.

The second was whether this statement made by the judge, when leave to call further evidence was made on the Monday morning, was such a statement, made in the presence of the jury, as to prevent that jury from giving a fair and impartial trial to the female appellant.

The third was whether or not as the result of the course taken by the judge in this case, Mrs. Morris was prevented from exercising what was her statutory right to give evidence on her own behalf.

Case for Morris. Mr. Roland Oliver, dealing with Hayley Morris's application, asked the court to consider whether justice would not have been prejudiced if one prisoner, not having anything to do with the second one, were ordered to surrender to his bail sooner than was usual simply because the other prisoner made an application that the judge said, was for the purpose of deceiving the court and was a conspiracy.

With regard to the sentence, Mr. Oliver said it had been the policy of the courts and the legislature not to imprison a person in a local prison for more than two years.

The Lord Chief Justice asked Mr. Oliver if he had considered the fact that Morris had been proved guilty of several offences and that, for any one of them, he was liable to two years' imprisonment.

Mr. Oliver replied that he had considered it deeply. The Lord Chief Justice remarked that what was done in this case came near to being rape. If it had been, and there was a conviction, the maximum punishment was penal servitude for life.

Attorney General Replies.

Dealing with Morris's appeal, Sir Douglas Hogg commented that, in effect, what Morris was saying was, "I admittedly am guilty of most revolting crimes against little girls, but that would never have prejudiced the minds of the jury against me. What is important is that they wrongly found me guilty of conspiracy because the judge ordered me to be taken into custody on the Saturday." How could it be seriously argued that the case of the man which had not a shred of evidence to support it had been prejudiced?

That he was the disgusting villain that he admits he was, who debauched little girls one after the other, was likely to prejudice the jury far more than anything the judge said or did.

With some remission, Hayley Morris would only spend 30 months in prison under the existing sentence. There was no shadow of evidence to show that he would suffer from such a term.

The Lord Chief Justice: I understand that there are certain classes of offences which are regarded as of such a kind that there can be no remission.

Sir Douglas said he was informed that all offences could secure remission.

"This man for this series of offences of the most gross and brutal kind, carried on for nearly a year—deliberately carried on with the intention of getting one after another fresh victim every month—is to be let out again 2½ years from the time his sentence runs. If the court is to consider the offence, as invited, I might remind you that there is a power of considering the sentence both ways. There is something to be said for making the punishment adequate to the crime and for protecting the public from the letting loose of a man who had made wicked and disgusting attempts of this kind."

Judgment Delivered. Delivering judgment, the Lord Chief Justice said:—

"This appeal is one of a singular degree of unreality. The evidence in the case, as was admitted, is not merely disgusting but it is also in the highest degree overwhelming. Neither of the two counsel on behalf of the appellants has attempted to deal with the mass of repulsive facts disclosed by the evidence in the case."

"So far as Hayley Morris is concerned it was never in contemplation that he should go into the witness-box to offer an answer to any of the allegations made against him. It is said that there were certain matters at the trial of such a kind as to entitle the appellants to take advantage of them and to urge, notwithstanding the verdict of the jury and the character and volume of the evidence, that the conviction in the one case should be quashed and that in the other case the sentence should be revised."

A few days after the date of the commitment for trial a doctor was consulted, sincerely or insincerely, about the alleged condition of Mrs. Morris. On December 10 a true bill was found by the Grand Jury and, on the evening of that day, a consultation was suggested with another physician as to her condition.

On Friday, December 11, she was examined by that doctor. On December 10, as soon as the Grand Jury had returned a true bill, an application was made to fix the date of the trial. After that had been fixed for December 14 an application was made on the Saturday for a postponement of the trial to the next assizes.

The question whether the trial should be postponed or not to the next assizes was not an issue at the trial. It was a matter within the discretion of the judge. The application being made, a doctor was called, and his evidence had been read. That doctor was cross-examined, and more than that, it was admitted that a certificate or report should be put in from the other doctor—the consultant who was not called. It was said that it would be dangerous to the life of Madeline Morris to stand her trial at Lewes within the next few days, very dangerous indeed.

Mr. Justice Avey put some questions to the doctor who was in the box and he did not grant the application. No issue in the trial was involved, but, in the circumstances which were alleged on behalf of the defence, a request was made to the judge for postponement.

A further attempt was made on the Monday morning, when the woman for whom it was said it would be dangerous for her to stand her trial, appeared and was in the dock. One could imagine how strongly by this time, the reasonable suspicions of the judge had been confirmed.

Repulsive Case.

It was said that in these circumstances the judge failed judicially to exercise his discretion in refusing to postpone the trial. In the opinion of the court there was no ground whatever for that criticism.

It was said further that, having formed an unfavourable view of the nature and origin of this unsuccessful application, the judge made an error in point of law in expressing his conclusion in the presence and hearing of the jury. But persons who made applications to judges in court must be prepared, sometimes to receive an answer that was not helpful to them. The judge stated before the jury something of what he thought in all the circumstances of the application.

It was said that the effect of that was to prevent these appellants from having a fair trial. There was not the slightest evidence that in any respect there was a failure to give these appellants a fair trial. On the contrary, what appeared

POSTPONED WORKS.

ADDITIONS TO YEAR'S BUDGET.

FINANCE MEMBERS' COMMENT.

The submitted expenditure of \$1,365,710 not included in the 1925 Budget occasioned comment at the Finance Committee meeting yesterday.

The work was for certain public works postponed from 1925.

The Director of Public Works explained that in 1925 the Secretary of State sanctioned an expenditure of \$8,000,000 on public works extraordinary. Later the Department was told to retrench as far as possible, but it was quite impossible at that time to know exactly to what extent they could retrench. The result of the year's work showed that over a million dollars on these items sanctioned by the Secretary of State was payable, but they were not provided for in this year's estimates as when the estimates were framed it was quite impossible to say to what extent savings would be effected.

Hon. Mr. Lang: This year's estimates are not worth the paper they are written on.

The Chairman: You cannot say that.

Hon. Mr. Lang: But here we are asked for another million and a quarter at any rate!

The Director mentioned that the items were exceedingly urgent, but on instructions the Department marked time on all these items last year. He added that the contractors had not been paid since the beginning of the year.

The Committee's approval was ultimately given.

C. P. R. HOTEL.

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was that the jury exercised a wise discrimination in the verdicts which they found. It was said that the effect of what was said and what was done in the course of the application for postponement deprived the female appellant of her right to give evidence. It was difficult to follow that argument. What was there in what had taken place to prevent her from going into the box to make her denials? The conclusion was irresistible that what prevented her going into the box was the knowledge that by doing so she could not help herself or her fellow-prisoner.

It was clear that the evidence in this case was conclusive as it was repulsive. When one looks at the case it is quite easy to see that the application made to the judge for postponement was made in circumstances and with results involving the gravest suspicion. There is not the slightest ground for the appeal of the woman, Madeline Roberts, or Morris.

Dealing with the appeal of Hayley Morris against the sentence the Lord Chief Justice said if the sentence was to be revised by the court it would be in the direction of an increased term. "A more appalling case of its kind is not within our recollection. It is said that the court is prevented from passing a sentence of imprisonment following that of two years' hard labour."

"This court has never laid down the doctrine that, in no case, may a sentence of imprisonment be given so as not to be consecutive to a term of two years' hard labour. If the law had permitted it, the proper sentence would have been one of penal servitude."

The Lord Chief Justice added that the court only hoped that before long—and indeed, before another case of these dimensions could possibly arise—the legislature would have removed a blemish from the existing penal legislation and would have given to the Courts a discretion, where there was a multiplicity of offences of certain kinds, to impose sentence of penal servitude.

In both cases, the applications would be dismissed and the sentence would run from that day. Mrs. Morris, who had risen from her seat in the dock when the Lord Chief Justice began his judgment, clutched at the rail for a time and then resumed her seat, while her husband remained standing. At the conclusion of the judgment Mrs. Morris rose quickly, and after a few hurried words to her husband passed out of the dock unassisted.

NOTICES.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, P. and O. Building, on FRIDAY, 12th March, 1926, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1925, and electing Directors and Auditor.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 1st March to 12th March, 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD. Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1926

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THE THIRTY SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY 17th March, 1926, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December 1925, and declaring a Dividend.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from WEDNESDAY, 3rd March 1926, until WEDNESDAY 17th March 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, February 23, 1926.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on FRIDAY, the 26th March, 1926, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1925.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th March, 1926, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1926.

TO THE CONCERNED.

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WHERE THE MONEY GOES.

Yesterday afternoon the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council appear to have had another field day, being called upon to vote Supplementary Estimates to the amount of nearly a million and a quarter dollars. These supplementary votes have on more than one occasion recently evoked criticism on the part of the Unofficial members of the Council, who embraced the opportunity yesterday to express disapproval of several items. Indeed, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang was merely voicing what many others have inwardly felt—namely, that "this year's Estimates are not worth the paper they are written on."

It certainly must be disconcerting to members of the Finance Committee not in the service of the Government to find time and again, that, after a vote has been passed apparently once and for all, they are asked months later to approve of supplementary payments for the same item. This, of course, is nothing new in Government finance, either here or elsewhere. The unexpected never crops up so frequently as in the realm of Government finance. Budget framers love nothing so much as to pose as economists; but too often it is a pose and nothing more than a pose. The crucial test arrives when contracts are exceeded, when unforeseen contingencies arise, when local and overseas conditions fluctuate, and when bills are rendered far beyond the expectations of the most sanguine framers of Budgets. All these conditions can be applied to the Colony's finances, particularly those arising out of the strike and the subsequent application of the "axe" to the spending Departments. It could not naturally be forecasted how long the precarious position would last, nor in which particular direction it would be deemed prudent to raise the bar, even to a slight degree, against the outlet of money from the public exchequer. There had to be a period of "marking time." But there are certain public services that must be maintained. If the interests of the community are to be served, there are certain contracts the non-fulfilment of which must inevitably lead to greater expenditure later. That is, at least, how the Government has been running up its bill for the

Government as presented in reply to the criticisms at yesterday's meeting of the Finance Committee.

In questioning this or that item of expenditure figuring in the Supplementary Estimates, the Unofficial members were naturally performing a very obvious duty. Simply to vote the whole million and a quarter dollars without the slightest desire to "know the reason why" would be alien to the duties of members of the Finance Committee. They have a perfect right to know everything appertaining to each particular item, and if they do at times appear to demur it is the equal duty of the Government members to enlighten them. Nothing can be plainer than that. Heads of Government Departments are as prone to err as any other mortal, and where the spending of public money is involved they cannot take it as remiss to be criticised.

The Colony may lack the services of a financier of the standing of a Rivett-Carnac or a W. J. F. Williamson, both of whom have done renowned work for the finances of Siam, during the past quarter of a century; but it is fortunate in the possession of both Official and Unofficial members of the Legislative Council whose real concern and anxiety for the finances of the Colony are creditable and praiseworthy.

A CITY HALL.

In the City Beautiful, the appearance of buildings must necessarily take an important place. And next to that, comes their utility. We pass by the controversial subject of the present City Hall's appearance, and deal only with its usefulness. It is an old subject, but raises its head time after time. No annual ball is held but there arises comment on the restrictions of space which preclude the successful practice of what alleged stylists call the light fantastic. Visiting professional companies have been known to be severely critical of the limitations of the Theatre Royal; whilst the many who have caught chills in its draughty interior, have been equally caustic in the use of uncomplimentary references. If the present buildings, which house the "apartments" of ordinary culture—a library and a museum—are not what they might be, let us give thanks for the fact that they might conceivably be worse than they are. Perhaps we owe a debt of some sort to those early pioneers who projected the scheme as we know it, or know it not, for its genesis and present nature are somewhat shrouded in mystery, and who gave us that which, doubtless added lustre to the Colony in the early days of its uprising, but does not go now. What was once known as the "Old City Hall" holds the same place. The present building, we submit, is that which holds the City Hall. Written representations have been made to the effect of a new City Hall. The matter has even engaged the attention of the Legislative Council, and the mind of the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, who is a member of the Council, is said to be engaged on the subject. It is a matter of some importance, and one which should be considered by the Government.

duced a verbal suggestion of a beautiful City Hall, housing Government Offices, with, we believe, a revenue raising array of shops underneath. The matter is worthy the attention of a committee of enquiry on which the present Committee of the City Hall should be well represented. A modern theatre is certainly needed; so is a place suitable for the holding of large and small meetings and those functions which are the peculiar assets of certain societies. There are certain organizations and others doing work for culture, who need to be encouraged. At the moment certain cultural efforts are fraught with financial risks which are a continual worry. Charges should be reasonable. But the first thing is to get it into the heads of those who ought to be concerned about such a matter, that a new City Hall is needed. This being accomplished, the other things will—or should—come as a matter of course.

THEY SAY THAT—

I have seen any number of detective stories in which the same writer first failed to mystify and then failed to elucidate.—Mr. G. K. Chesterton.

Who is safe against this plague of reminiscence hunters with or without note-books?—Mr. A. G. Gardiner.

No doubt Mr. Shaw has a sense of humour.—Mr. A. B. Walkley.

As soon as we get an ulterior motive for education it loses its value.—Dr. W. H. D. Rouse.

An author makes on an average one slip in every novel.—Mr. Gilbert Frankau.

It would not require a very skillful writer of paradoxes to prove that in a democracy it is the minority that rules.—Mr. Robert Lund.

ALLEGED FRAUD.

THE WING ON CASE CONTINUED.

FURTHER EVIDENCE.

The charge of alleged conspiracy to defraud the Wing On Company's banking department was continued at the Central Magistracy yesterday when Mr. G. K. Hall Bruton, who appears for one of the two defendants, cross-examined a previous witness, who stated he was at one time an assistant in a printing shop in Canton.

Mr. Elsie Zeithyn continued his cross-examination of the assistant cashier, who was closely questioned about the illness and death of the other assistant cashier who was introduced into the banking department.

The principal cashier was called and described the method of dealing with deposits. Questioned about his signature in the forged book, witness denied that it was in his writing.

Hearing was adjourned until to-day.

PROPERTY SALE.

A valuable leasehold property was offered for sale at the China Auction Rooms yesterday afternoon by Mr. E. V. M. E. de Sousa, and was finally knocked down for \$120,000, this being \$5,000 above the upset price.

The property was Nos. 244 and 246, Des Voeux Road, Central. It was sold by order of the mortgagees. The premises are occupied by the Tai Yau Company, Limited, and cover a total area of 1,682 square feet. It is held under two Crown Leases for terms of 999 years in each case. The Crown rent payable in respect of the property is \$27.50 per annum.

The upset price was \$115,000, with bids of \$500 acceptable. When the bidding had mounted to the figure of \$120,000, the property was knocked down to Mr. Ho Shu Ping and Mr. Chan Sau Hong of No. 37, Gough Street.

The second reading was passed at yesterday's Legislative Council meeting of the Bill which is to give former enemy aliens the same rights as all other aliens in the Colony.

A trail salesman at the Western Market, estimated \$25 at the Central Magistracy this morning, for the purpose of obtaining a search warrant to obtain evidence against a Chinese man who was charged with the theft of a watch and some other articles.

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

However else one may Slogan regard Benito Mussolini's ideas of government, the new slogan that he is reported to have adopted for himself and his followers may to advantage be commended to many. It is, "Watchfulness and Silence." "Let us keep quiet and allow our actions to talk" is said to be the Premier's idea.

Singing should be encouraged because of its disciplinary value, says Sir Hugh Percy Allen, director of the Royal College of Music in London. True, "singing teaches the singer courage, and combined singing, humility." But it has another value, a value best put, in the words of the popular song: "Singing is the thing that makes you cheery." But does this justify Kowloon's path-tub warblers?

This is an important matter, to be sure, as it is to Manner. Here is a story in this connection, concerning the late Archbishop Temple:—

He was examining candidates for Holy Orders, and in order to satisfy himself as to the qualifications of one of them he said that he would feign illness, threw himself down on a couch and asked the candidate to proceed, as though he had been called in, in his spiritual capacity, to minister to him. The candidate approached the couch, looked at the Archbishop for a moment, put his hands on the archi-episcopal brow and said: "Now, Fred, you're drunk again—jump up at once and get back to work."

Dwellers in flats, and What Is It? the large number who dance to its strains, may not know what a saxophone is. Just as a famous Judge once enquired "what are Keats?" so another one has raised a query concerning a much-debated instrument. Counsel defined the saxophone as an instrument that resembles a cornet "used in what I understand are jazz bands." But a London paper went out of its way to collect opinions, with the following result:—

A long-haired aesthete.—An inflection compared with which the plagues of Egypt must have been a blessing.

A jovial diner-out.—The best all-round instrument ever invented. Sir Landon Ronald.—It is a most beautiful instrument when used as it was before jazz was introduced.

Bizet, the composer of "Carmen," introduced it as a solo instrument in "L'Arlesienne," and as there were very few saxophone players in England, generally it had to be played here with the clarinet.

I cannot tell you whether the saxophones as used in the jazz bands, are the same as those for

which the masters scored in the past. To my mind it was always a soft-toned, beautiful instrument.

I am very much inclined to think that the public are apt to confuse the saxophone with the horrible bleating noise of the muted trumpet or muted trombone.

Mr. Jack Hylton (leader of the popular orchestra).—The saxophone is an instrument that has been brought into prominence by dance orchestras, though that does not mean it is a new instrument by any means. It was invented in 1840. It is a difficult instrument, and the man who can play it properly commands a greater salary than the judge who asked: "What is a saxophone?" and the counsel who gave so foolish a reply.

What constitutes good Good Music, or bad music, is an ever present problem.

The problem does not seem to be helped much by the discussion which recently took place on the question of broadcasting good music. Sir Hugh Allen, director of the Royal College of Music, giving evidence before the Broadcasting Committee, said: "Nobody was obliged to listen to bad music any more than anyone was obliged to eat bad food. People were starved in regard to good music many years ago, but at present they could hear good music every day. The whole nation had been enfranchised in regard to music, and they found it rather difficult to make use of it. Broadcasting had caused no diminution in the number of children who were learning music. If the right policy were pursued there would probably be a large increase in the number of those who took to music in some practical form or another. He urged that nothing bad should be broadcast."

Captain Fraser, the blind M.P., who is a member of the Committee, asked Sir Hugh to define what he meant by bad. Sir Hugh replied that that was a very difficult thing to define.

Captain Fraser: Is a tune bad which is only worth remembering for a short time?

Sir Hugh: Probably. Good music is like good material. It will wear for many years.

Captain Fraser: Is there any merit in a tune which gives people pleasure for a short time?

Sir Hugh said he would not like to admit that.

Captain Fraser urged that if people got pleasure out of such music they should have it.

Sir Hugh disagreed, saying bad music would be bad for the people.

Captain Fraser said there were some tunes that gave him intense pleasure for about six months, and then he tired of them.

"If those tunes give me pleasure I call them good," he added, amid laughter.

COLONY'S MONEY.

YESTERDAY'S FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTES.

QUARTERS ABANDONED.

Quarters for the University staff and Government officers which had been under contemplation were not going to be erected, it was stated in the course of the Finance Committee meeting yesterday.

As the University authorities, however, employed architects to draw up plans and specifications, a vote was necessary for \$7,286 to meet this cost.

Other matters which came under review and which are not mentioned elsewhere were as follows:—

Colony's Water.

An increase in the filtering capacity of the Colony to over six times the present capacity was forehadowed by the Director of Public Works, who, in reply to a question by Sir Henry Pollock regarding an item relating to filter beds, said that the cost of the filter was roughly \$80,000.

The Director, replying to another query by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock regarding the cost of water pipes in connection with the Shing Mun Valley scheme, said the cost was \$28,000. This would just pay for laying the pipes and not the laying of them.

The length of time was about five miles. It was not proposed to bring it right into Kowloon.

Indian Police.

The ranked vacancies in the force caused by the reduction of the numbers of the Indian Police is necessary to make arrangements for the recruitment of fifty Indians. It is estimated that the cost of recruitment and training will amount to

\$3,250, and that the ration vote of \$40,000 will require supplementing to the extent of \$3,000. Salaries of men recruited will be paid from lapsing salaries. A supplementary vote of \$6,250 is therefore requested.

Victoria Hospital.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak referred to a vote relating to postponed Public Works for 1925, and enquired whether the original estimate for the Victoria Hospital had been exceeded.

The Director replied that the original estimate had not been exceeded, but the sum now required was for additions to the main block. The estimate had had to be increased each year it had come up, because additional requirements had to be provided.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock: What about the Fire Brigade Station? Has the original estimate of cost been exceeded?

The Director: The revised estimate is \$1,450,000. The original estimate was \$1,110,000.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock: What is the reason?

The Director: I have not a list of the additions with me at the moment, but I can furnish a statement if it is required. Furniture represents one item of \$70,000.

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AT GENEVA.

CLAIMANTS FOR COUNCIL SEATS.

POLAND OUT OF RUNNING.

(Reuter's Service.)

Geneva, March 8.

The animation in the lobbies of the Secretariat was unprecedented when the Council of the League of Nations opened a private session to discuss the agenda.

There was a huge gathering of journalists in addition to the general public, all discussing possible solutions of the question of the re-constitution of the Council.

The consensus of opinion is that Poland is at present out of the running, and that Spain and Brazil may give way to facilitate the entry of Germany, though both Spain and Brazil declare that their attitude toward claiming seats is unchanged.

An extraordinary session of the Assembly of the League opened in the afternoon. Viscount Ishii, acting President, in a speech, said that the meeting of the Assembly at such short notice was unprecedented. It proved the efficiency of the League as an international business machine, whilst the event which had brought the Assembly together was most significant. The request by a great nation for admission to the League was a sign of the strengthening hopes and consciences of the nations.

New President.

Geneva, later.

Senhor Augusto da Costa, ex-Minister of Foreign Affairs for Portugal, was elected President of the Assembly.

In an address after his election, President da Costa dwelt on the new spirit of Locarno which had made to-day's fraternity and which to-morrow might extend to all the nations of the earth.

After electing six Vice-Presidents and members of two Committees, one of which will report on Germany's application for admission to the League, the Assembly adjourned sine die.

Great public interest was taken in the proceedings, the galleries being packed.

London, March 9.

A message from Geneva dated yesterday, states:—No progress was made to-day towards an agreement on the question of enlarging the League Council, although there was much fruitless discussion.

BRITISH VIEWS.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 8.

With reference to the informal conversations on the constitution of the League Council, which are proceeding in Geneva, the general impression in London is that nothing has occurred to increase the difficulties of the problem upon which the statesmen are engaged and that the conversations between them have already served the purpose of removing many of the misconceptions which have grown up around the question during the last fortnight.

There is general regret that Mr. Briand has had to absent himself from Geneva and that a short delay has occurred in consequence, but it is felt that the value of his assistance in reaching a solution justified the postponement of the main conversations for a day or two, by which time it is anticipated that he will have returned from Paris.

Meanwhile the consultations among all the delegates to the Council, and others particularly interested at the moment in the constitution of that body, are continuing, and there is considerable confidence in British circles that the difficulties will be finally overcome.

MINE EXPLOSION.

48 MINERS ENTOMBED.

RESCUE WORK PREVENTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Bluefields, March 9.

In West Virginia a double explosion occurred in a mine near Eocles. 28 were entombed by the first shock and 20 by the second. An escape of gas prevents rescue work.

WORLD COURT.

QUEER POINT RAISED IN AMERICA.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, March 8.

The United States Supreme Court has refused to entertain a motion by the lawyer, Mr. Benjamin Gatchings, to restrain the United States from participating in the World Court on the alleged ground that its participation would be unconstitutional.

OPIUM TRAFFIC.

INDIA'S FAR-REACHING POLICY.

PUBLICITY DESIRED.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 8.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons, Earl Winterton, Under Secretary of State for India, outlined the opium policy of the Government of India, which, if approved by the Legislature, would go far beyond its international obligations.

Mr. R. S. Hudson (Conservative, Whitehaven) asked whether adequate publicity would be given in the countries where we were attacked on account of our policy, particularly in the United States?

Earl Winterton replied that he did not know whether that lay in his power, but he hoped that publicity would be given.

Lieut.-Col. F. L. Fremantle (Conservative, St. Albans) asked whether there was any guarantee that China would not take up the production of opium which was restricted in India?

The Speaker pointed out that did not arise.

The New Policy.

At the opening of the Assembly on February 9 the Viceroy (Lord Reading) said:—

My Government have recently had under their consideration the adoption of a new policy regarding opium, which is in accordance with the trend of opinion in a number of other countries, and also with views that have been freely expressed in some quarters on different occasions in India. We have very carefully examined the new obligations undertaken by us under Article I of the Protocol to the Convention of the Second Opium Conference at Geneva to take such measures as may be required to prevent completely within five years from the present date the smuggling of opium from constituting a serious obstacle to the effective suppression of the use of prepared opium.

As a result we have come to the conclusion that in order at once to fulfil our international obligations in the largest measure, and to obviate the complications that may arise from the delicate and invidious task of attempting to sit in judgment on the internal policy of other Governments, it is desirable that we should declare publicly our intention to reduce progressively the exports of opium from India so as to extinguish them altogether within a definite period, except as regards exports of opium for strictly medical purposes. The period to be fixed has not yet been finally determined, as before arriving at a decision it is necessary to consult the Government of the United Provinces regarding the effects that the resulting reduction in the area cultivated with opium will have on the cultivators in that Province.

We further propose to discontinue altogether the system of auction sales in opium in India as soon as the agreement for direct sale now being negotiated with the Government of French Indo-China is concluded. My Government hope at an early date to move a resolution in both Chambers of the Legislature in order to give the members of the Legislature an opportunity of expressing their views on these important proposals.

LOCARNO PACT.

BRITAIN AND THE DOMINIONS.

FULL DISCUSSION.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 8.

Mr. L. S. M. Amery, Secretary of State for the Dominions, replying to a number of questions in the House of Commons, said that it was proposed to discuss fully the Locarno Treaty with the Dominions at the forthcoming Imperial Conference.

On the question as to whether the communications which had passed between the Imperial Government and the Dominions would be published, Mr. Amery said that they were official communications leading up to a decision of policy, like communications within a Cabinet, and were not always of a character which it was desirable to publish.

PEKING CABINET.

NO IMPROVEMENT IN POSITION.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, March 8.

During the week-end there has been no improvement in the Cabinet situation. Mr. Wang Wen-shan, Ma Chuan-wu and Mr. Hu Shih have all failed to accept the portfolios offered to them.

FRENCH CRISIS.

M. BRIAND CONFERS WITH LEADERS.

A CABINET MAKER?

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, March 8.

M. Briand, on his arrival from Geneva, said that he was most satisfied with the results of his trip to Geneva.

M. Briand, after visiting M. Doumergue at the Elysee, conferred at some length with the Parliamentary leaders.

The general impression is that he will form a Cabinet, retaining most of his ex-colleagues, with M. Caillaux or M. Peret as Minister of Finance.

France Steady.

London, March 8.

The French franc has remained steady and closed to-day at 134.45.

EARLIER CABLES.

Paris, March 7.

The papers are baffled at the present obscure position as a result of the French crisis, the ultimate consequences of which only the future can unveil, and the lack of any developments over the week-end at Paris and Geneva—at least on the surface—produced nothing with which to enlighten the abstruse arguments on France's economic, political, and psychological plight.

Meanwhile, it is felt that the legal complexities of the French delegation's position loom as an alarming shadow over the bright hopes centred on Geneva.

Searching Analysis.

London, March 8.

The far-reaching effects of the French financial crisis, which, it is described as grave indeed, are subjected to a searching analysis in a "Times" leader, which expresses the opinion that one of the chief obstacles to European reconstruction is the unsolved French financial problem.

This domestic problem is of a character so intimate, vital, and fundamental that the position of France in Europe, and the exact part she will henceforth play, in international affairs, depend largely on its solution.

The Treasury is nearly empty after months of agitated discussion, and no provision is made to cover the increasing deficit and put finances on a sound basis, and with the prospect of the situation growing desperate, many bewildered minds in France are beginning to play with the idea of desperate remedies.

MOSUL FRONTIER.

AMBASSADOR RECALLED FOR CONSULTATION.

TURKS AND THE SCHOOLS.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 8.

Mr. Godfrey Locker Lampson, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, stated in the House of Commons that no further communications had passed between the British and Turkish Governments for the peaceful settlement of the Mosul Frontier since the return of Sir Ronald Lindsay, British Ambassador, from Ankara, on February 28. The British Government was carefully considering the instructions to be given to Sir Ronald Lindsay, and it had been decided that he should return to this country for consultation.

Intoxicated Leader. Mr. Locker Lampson said that, meanwhile, Sir Ronald Lindsay is paying another visit to Ankara in order to take up the case of Turkish action against the English High School for girls in Constantinople, and also certain other cases in violation of the Lausanne Treaty. He confirmed the report that Turkish officials had threatened to close the school unless a Turkish officer were installed as Turkish teacher, and that the school authorities had refused to admit this officer on the ground of his intoxication. Turkish interference had taken the form of forcing unqualified Turkish teachers on the schools, and insisting on a disproportionate amount of school time being given to the teaching of Turkish.

HULLOA LONDON!

SPEAKERS HEARD IN NEW YORK.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, March 8.

The wireless telephone conversations with London were entirely successful. At this time the London speakers were clearly heard, and over local lines.

48 HOURS.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE THIS MONTH.

CONVENTION TOO VAGUE.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 8.

The Ministry of Labour here has now received answers from Germany, Belgium, France, and Italy in regard to the meeting of the Conference to which they have been invited by the British Government. They all accept the date suggested, and the Conference will therefore open in London on March 15.

The agenda is restricted to the consideration of a Convention for the adoption of standard hours of labour in the five countries.

The Washington Convention, providing for 48 hours a week, has not been ratified by any of those Powers except Italy, and Italy's ratification was made contingent on the ratification by others. There is, therefore, in effect, no Italian ratification.

One of the reasons for the general refusal to ratify the Washington Convention is that its provisions are in some important respects so vague that widely conflicting interpretations are given to them. When the London Conference meets on March 15, an attempt will be made first of all to agree on a common interpretation of the Washington Convention. If such an agreement is reached the Conference will then discuss whether the five nations are now prepared to put 48 hours a week into effect.

It is understood that the British Government is in favour of that policy.

SALVATION ARMY.

BIRTHDAY OF GENERAL BOOTH.

WORLD-WIDE TRIBUTES.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 8.

The seventieth anniversary of the birthday of General Booth was celebrated at an enthusiastic Salvation Army demonstration in the Albert Hall. Delegates from all over the world paid a great ovation to General Booth.

Telegrams and letters of congratulation have been received from all climes, and the offerings from the Empire and other countries, totalled £135,000. Messages of congratulation were read, including one from His Majesty the King, and another from the Viceroy of India. The latter paid a tribute to the good work of the Salvation Army in ameliorating the conditions of life among criminal tribes and its social service among the depressed and backward classes.

Progress Programme. General Booth, in an address, outlined the scheme for the Salvation Army progress during the next seven years.

This will include the establishment of the work of the Army in seven new countries, probably including North Rhodesia, South China, and Portuguese Africa, and the re-opening of the work of the Army in Russia and Poland. It is also aimed at raising 1,000 new missionary officers, each for headquarters, the United Kingdom, and Europe; also the training of 14,000 new officers, and the raising of £500,000 to extend the work in London, which he feared would soon be almost a heathen city.

CHINA'S WARS.

FENGTIEN GUNBOATS OPEN FIRE.

KUOMINGHUN REPLY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tientsin, March 8.

At daybreak this morning the Fengtien gunboats off Taku opened fire on the Kuomintang shore batteries, which replied, resulting in an artillery duel for half an hour. Foreign ladies have left Taku for Tientsin.

Bridge Blown Up.

Tientsin, March 9.

Three gunboats took part in yesterday morning's bombardment of Taku.

Communications between Chinwangtao and Tongku are completely cut off owing to the blowing up of a bridge over the Han river.

The Peking-Mukden Railway now holds only one day's supply of coal, whilst the Kailan Mining Administration yesterday notified the papers that no further orders for coal will be acceptable, as the sales offices are closing from to-day till further notice.

NOTICES.

G. R.

NOTICE.

TRAFFIC arrangements for the Investiture at Government House, on SATURDAY, the 13th inst.:

From 10 a.m. until after the Investiture is over traffic to and from Cause Road will be diverted by way of Arbuthnot Road for East bound traffic, and Lower Albert Road for West bound traffic.

All traffic in Queen's Road and Garden Road will be stopped from 10.50 a.m. to 11 a.m. and for a similar time on H.R.H. Prince George's return journey. Cars will be parked on the North side of Upper Albert Road west of Government House.

E. D. C. WOLFE,
Capt. Supt. of Police
Hongkong, 6th March, 1926.

INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AND SHIPBUILDERS.

REMINDER.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held in the Institute, on WEDNESDAY, 10th instant, at 6 p.m.
A Good Attendance is requested.
Hongkong, 9th March, 1926.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE following is the Provisional List of dates upon which Extra Meetings will be held this Season:
3rd April, 1st May, 5th June, 2nd October and early November.
By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 8, 1926.

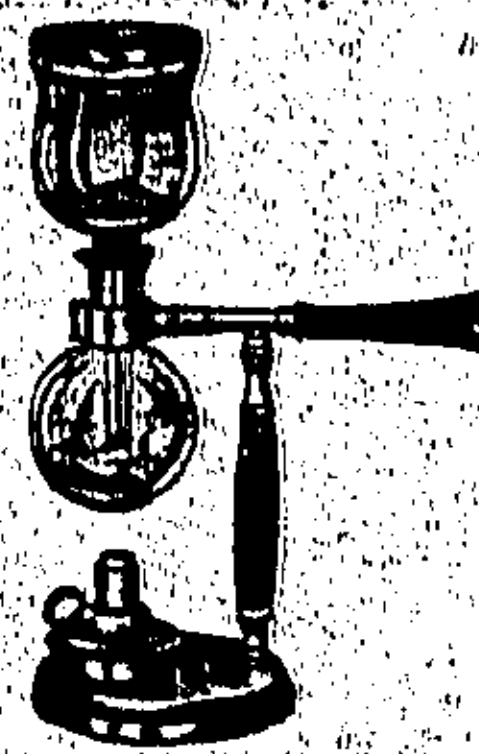
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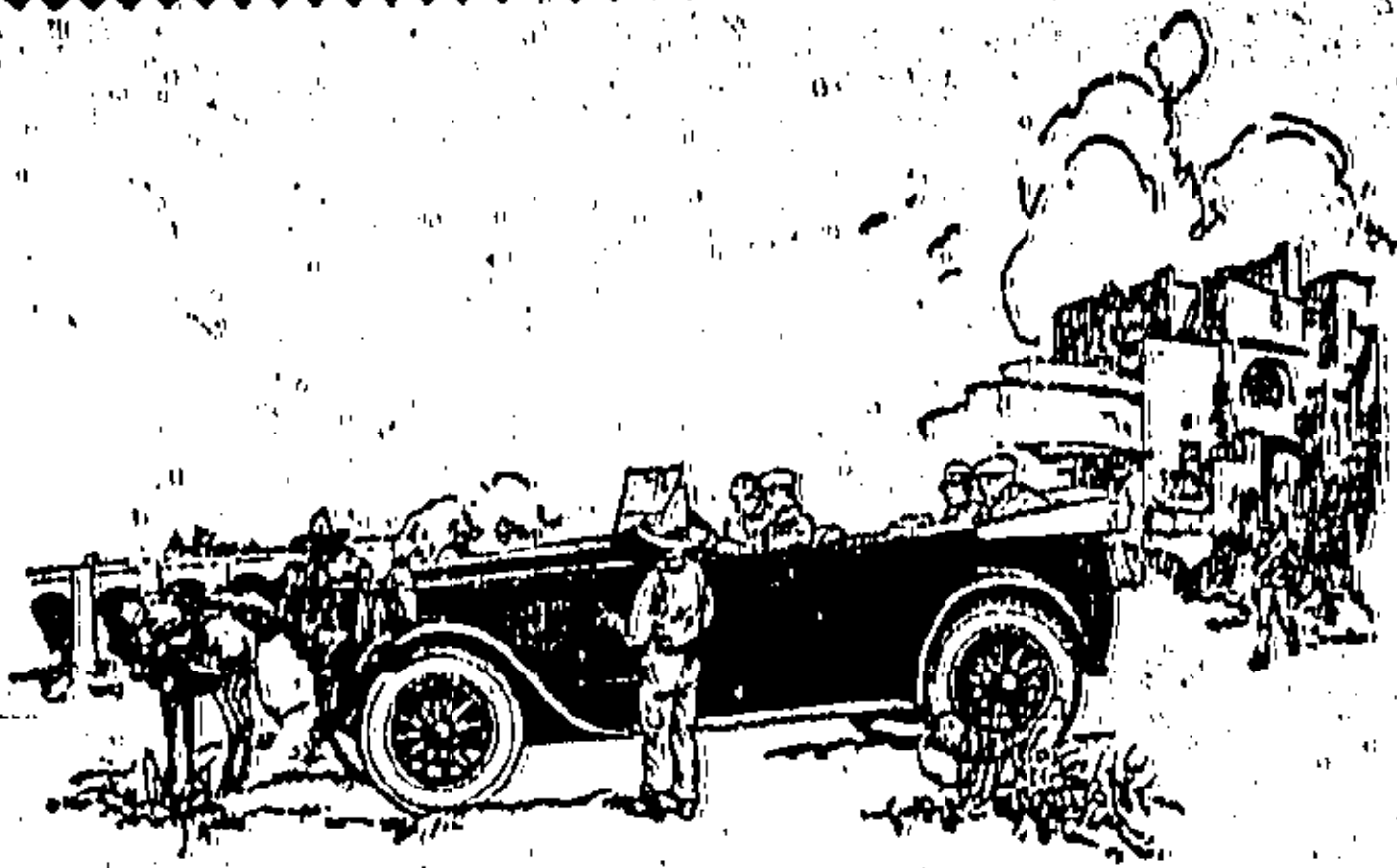
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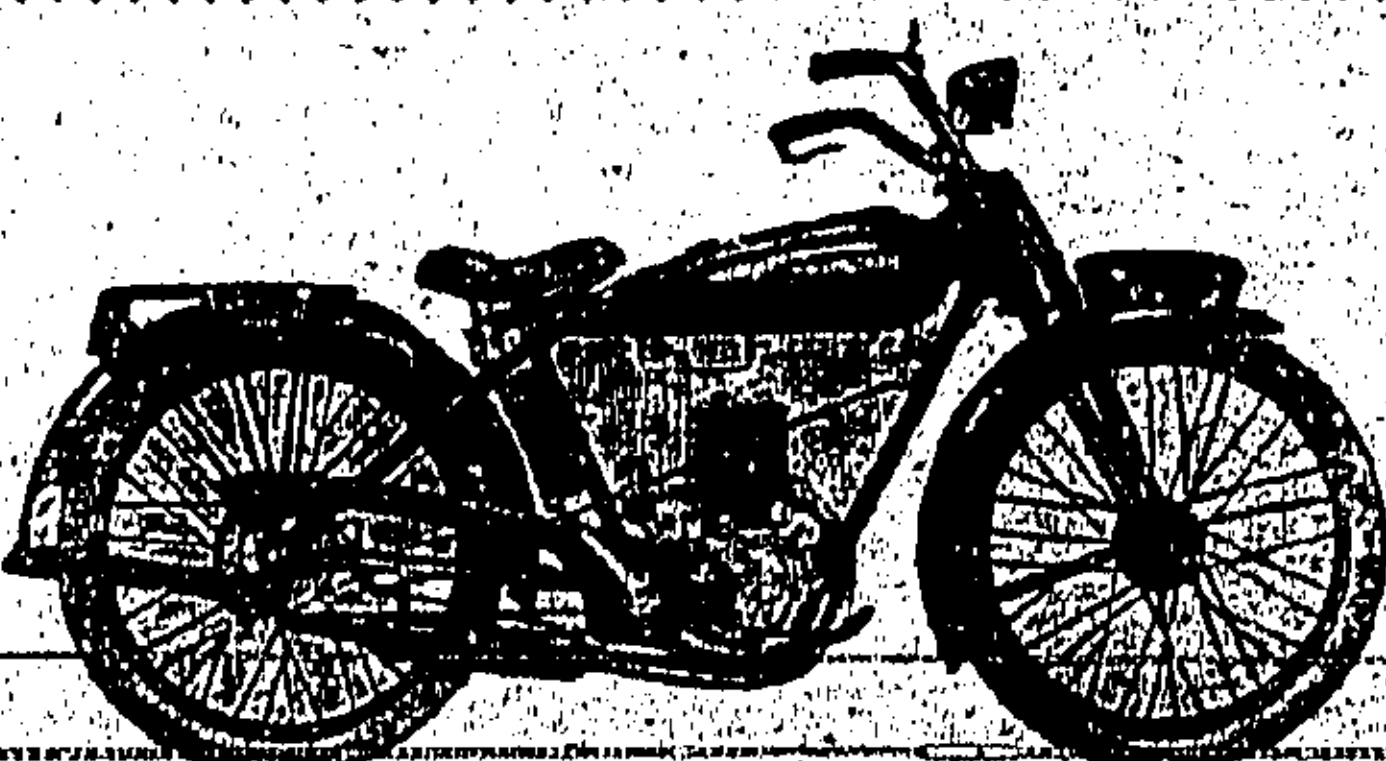
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Traffic regulations are announced in connection with the Investiture at Government House on Saturday next.

The number of Philippine Scouts has been reduced, by order of the House of Representatives on the military appropriation vote to 7,000. Also \$220,000 was appropriated for barracks and quarters in the P.I.

The Star Ferry Co., Ltd., advertises for sale the two double-ended ferry boats, "Northern Star" and "Southern Star." These have been supplanted by the new vessels, "Golden Star" and "Meridian Star."

In December last the Swiss Mint issued 50,000 gold pieces of 100 francs. These were so eagerly sought for that there is not one in circulation at the present time, and it is reported that these coins now fetch 160 and even 180 francs.

The following ordinary annual meeting of local companies are announced to be held: The Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd. on Friday March 12; The Green Island Cement Co., Ltd. on Wednesday, March 17, and the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. on Friday, March 26.

The fatal fall of a Chinese who attempted to jump from one verandah to another was inquired into by Major C. Wilson at the Central Magistracy yesterday when a verdict of accidental death was returned. The evidence showed that the man was running an opium den at a house in Sun Street, Wanchai, and met his death in attempting to escape from revenue officers.

The anniversary celebration of the Wesleyan Church is to be continued to-morrow, when a tea, followed by a public meeting is to be held in the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, Arsenal Street. The Chairman at the meeting will be the Rev. A. H. Bray, M.A., B.D., and the speakers will be the Bishop of Victoria (the Right Rev. C. R. Duggan), the Rev. R. D. Rees, M.A., and Mr. P. V. Early, M.B. Solos are to be contributed by Mr. E. E. Haggard.

There has just been published the first number of the Amateur Stage, a journal devoted to the interests of amateur actors and actresses. Handsomely produced, it should have a wide appeal.

An ordinary general meeting of the Marine Engineers' Guild of China will be held at the Guild Office, Sailors' Home, West Point, on Wednesday, March 10, 1926, at 5 o'clock.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders will be held in the Institute on Wednesday, 10th inst., at 8 p.m. A good attendance is requested.

A vernacular daily says that the retail prices of daily necessities in Kobe, which have been steadily declining since the autumn, showed little change on February 1, compared with January 8. Investigations made by the Kobe Chamber of Commerce reveal that of 35 standard items, nine had fallen in price on February 1, five had advanced, but only slightly, and the remaining 21 had remained unchanged.

The health authorities in Glasgow have started a scheme for supplying mothers who are in a delicate state of health with a daily help at a minimum cost. A mother confined to bed, but compelled to look after a large family, can under this scheme be relieved of all her cares and worries by merely ringing up the Corporation department. A woman is sent at once to the home, where she takes up the reins of management, washing the kiddies and doing all the innumerable things necessary in a household of young children. The authorities satisfy themselves as to the integrity and competence of the women supplied. The minimum sum to be paid each day is fixed at 1s., but there is no ceiling of remuneration above that figure—each household may make such payment as is thought fit. The scheme has given great satisfaction, and is one which should recommend itself to other civic bodies in Great Britain.

Contractors will shortly start work rebuilding London Charing Cross underground station, to enable it to deal with an increased volume of passenger traffic which will arise when the Kemington extension opens next year.

The population of Italy is placed at 42,115,606 in the results of the census completed on December 31, and undertaken upon the order of the Premier, Benito Mussolini. This figure represents an increase of about 3,000,000 over 1921.

Novels, romances, reviews and other matter published before the war and classed as belles lettres are to be banished from Leningrad's 120 public libraries and reading rooms. An order to this effect has been issued by the local board of education. Directors of libraries and reading rooms who fail to comply with the decree by February 1 will be held responsible.

Kansas criminals applying for paroles have no chance to obtain them unless they guarantee to reimburse their victims, according to a new mandate laid down to the state pardon board by Gov. Ben S. Paulen. Those who have good records in the state penal institutions may obtain paroles only if they, by the installment plan, pay back to those they wronged the cost or amount of property they illegally obtained. Failure to meet installments will mean revocation of the paroles.

A new political party, "The Peoples' Party" has been formed under the leadership of Prof. W. Magennis, who succeeded from the Irish Free State Ministerial Party following the London agreement on the question of the boundary between North and South Ireland. The new party's aim as announced will be to secure unity in Irish territory and the establishment of a central government for the whole of the country. The executive committee includes Senator Moore, Patrick McCartan and Padriac O'Malley, Deputy Speaker of the Dail Eireann.

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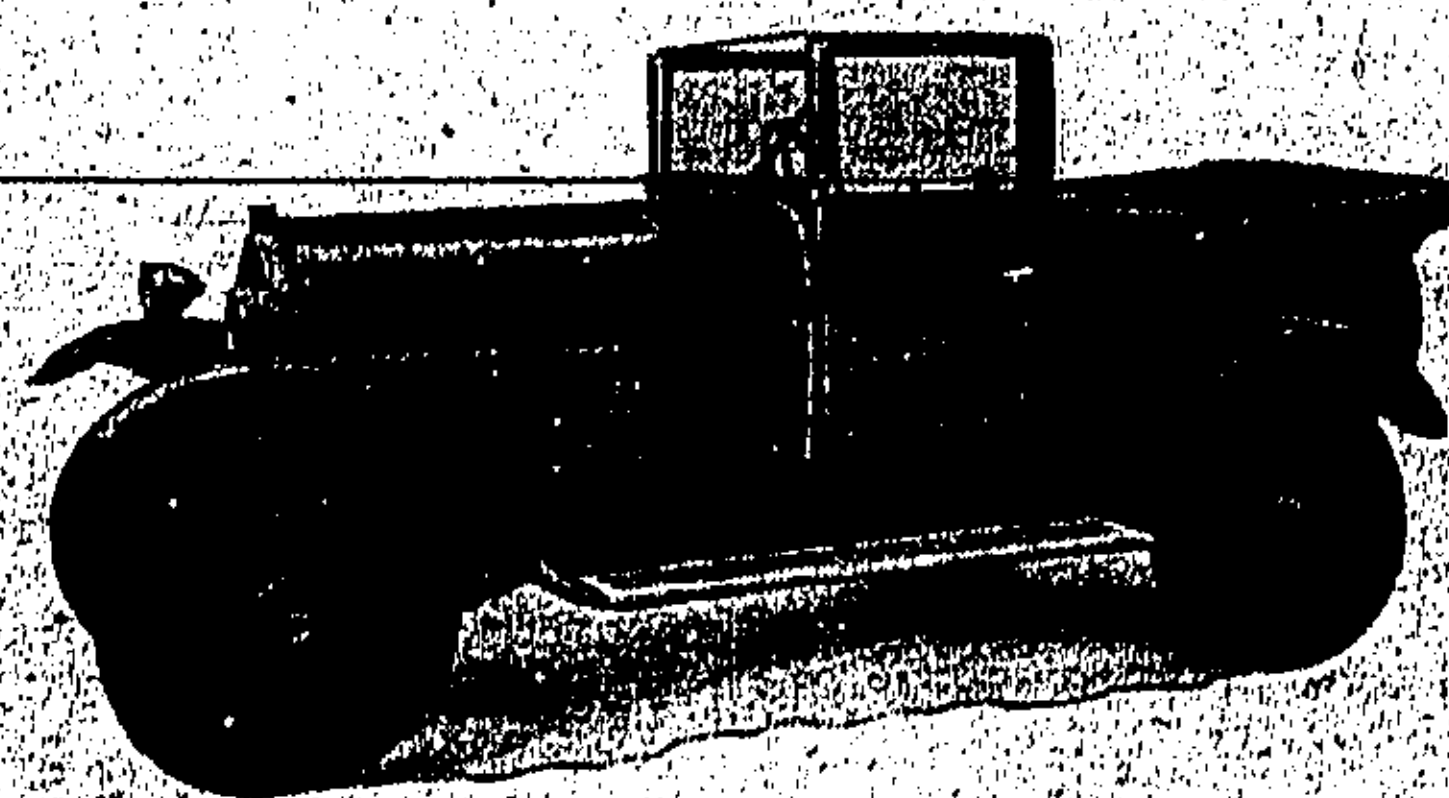
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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Otten returned to the Colony yesterday by the "President Grant."

It has been decided to hold the annual dinner of the Engineer Company of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps on Thursday, April 1.

Mr. L. D. Wood, manager of the Penang Branch of The Straits Trading Co., Ltd., is proceeding to Europe on leave in early March. Mrs. Wood accompanies him.

Mrs. W. H. Tate, of Taiping, will be going home in the near future. Mr. Tate counts 41 years residence in Malaya, all of which have been spent in Perak—a somewhat unique record.

The Hongkong Chinese Young Women's Christian Association, of No. 127, Caine Road, will hold the sixth annual meeting on Wednesday, March 10, at 3 p.m. Proceedings will be mostly in Chinese. Miss Nelle E. Elliott is the senior secretary.

The following Colonial Service appointments have been made: Straits Settlements—Lieut. W. B. Clarke, European Master, Education Department. Malaya—Mr. R. P. Bingham and Mr. I. W. Blalock, Cadets; Mr. R. E. Hope, Falkland, Police Probationer, Malay States—Mr. F. S. Ward, Assistant Mycologist.

At the annual dinner of the Shanghai St. David's Society, Mr. S. Barton, H.M.'s Consul-General, who was present as a guest, procured a leak which he had had from a Welsh regiment 22 years previously, and complimented St. David's upon being the one, and only society which could boast of members who were able to carry on their proceedings in their real native language. The President (Mr. Ellis Fugh) who proposed "Devil Sant," and Dr. Evan Morgan who proposed "The Guests" had made their speeches in both Welsh and English. Judge Grain said that he hoped it was permissible to pull the Consul-General's leg, and suggested that St. George's Society could claim the same honour of being able to carry on their proceedings in their real native language. The Judge said his family had been English for eight generations, and he hoped he was entitled to say that his English could talk their own language.

Mr. J. Johnstone of the Union Waterboat Co., Ltd. returned to the Colony yesterday from home leave, by the "Hakusan Maru."

The Queen's College Old Boys' Association are arranging a dinner to be held on Saturday, March 13 in the Hall of Queen's College.

Among the wreaths at the funeral of Mr. John Jones, Sergeant-Farrier at the Royal Weymouth, Windsor Castle, was one from the King and Queen.

The fifth concert in aid of St. John's Cathedral organ fund will be given on Wednesday, March 10 at 6 p.m., in the Cathedral Hall. The artists at this concert will be Mrs. Balaam, Mrs. Bellamy, Mrs. Minney and Mr. Squires. Tickets (one dollar) may be obtained from the organist at the Cathedral Hall or payment made at the door.

We regret that Miss Betty Ram is leaving the Colony this week (observes "Cathedral Notes.") Over the pen name of "Philaena," she made several charming contributions. We wish her every happiness. Our thanks are gratefully given to Mr. Evan Stewart, the well known student of history, late of Trinity College, for his kind help in the February and March issues of the magazine.

The current issue of "Cathedral Notes" says:—It is with deep sorrow and regret that we record the sudden death of Colonel Bacchus who was a regular worshipper in the Cathedral. His charming personality, and the great value of his friendship will be treasured by all who met him. Our sympathy and kindest wishes go out to Mrs. Bacchus who leaves the colony this week.—R.I.P.

For some time past the inhabitants of Mentone, Southern France, have wondered why so much smoke should issue from the chimneys of a certain large and commodious villa. None of the neighbouring houses had fires going, like that even, during the unprecedented cold snap. The cold snap ended and still those chimneys smoked overtime. But at last the mystery was solved. The villa is the winter home of the Spanish author, Blasco Ibañez. His hotel, factory, where he turns out the portraits of his romances and personal adventures, (the latter is the subject of political attacks) is going full blast these days. His chimney is a gas.

Under a Poor Law Act of 1601, George March of Battle, Sussex, was ordered at Sutton, Surrey, recently, to pay 10s. a week towards the support of his grandchildren, who were not being maintained by their father.

Lord Knutsford writes from the London Hospital, another of his crisp letters of advice on the protection of property. "The cat burglar season is opening," he says. "If ladies will keep their jewels in a safe put in a passage, and not in their bedroom, I have it on the authority of a friend of mine, a retired cat burglar, that none of them would dare to try to open it."

The French recently gave signal honour to George Moore, Irish author, who spends half the year in his Ebury street house, Pimlico, London and the other half divided between Paris and Fontainebleau. They not only dined him and decorated him but they said in print, openly, that "his English has all the qualities of good French prose." Praise, in Paris, could go no further.

"People regard lovemaking as something shameful that must not be mentioned," said the Rev. Mr. Patton, addressing the Hull Free Church Council. The church should assume the responsibility for guiding the irresistible force of lovemaking along the right channels, giving Christian sanctification and encouragement and providing the lovers meeting places within its blessings and security.

When Maurice Rostand, son of a famous father, and latest recruit to the ranks of poets who appear in Paris music halls, came on to do his "turn" not long ago, he didn't recite any of his own verse. Instead, being that logical and tactful thing, a pacifist, he launched into a tirade against the war in Morocco. Whereupon the audience hissed him vigorously and showed such further signs of lack of appreciation that the poet had to beat an abrupt retreat. The peace he longed for was restored only when his fellow artists, a troupe of trained seals, took Maurice's place.

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"CHINA MAIL" SPORTS PAGE

SPORT OF KINGS.

NEXT RACE MEETING
ON MARCH 20.

CHASING PROSPECTS.

[By "Patrol"]

Mr. R. J. Paterson, Clerk of the Course, has just informed me that the first "extra" race meeting of the season (Hongkong Jockey Club) will be held on Saturday, March 20.

The Stewards met last night and it is understood that tentative dates were fixed for the season.

On inquiry from Dr. F. Pierce, the Stewards' Meeting, it was found that the annual pony race at the Causeway Bay, will be held on Saturday, March 20.

As regards prospects at Fanling, I can state on the best authority that many improvements have been put in hand. Good as the first meeting was, the next will be better to such an extent that a surprise will be forthcoming.

Extra Meetings.

It is officially announced that the following is the provisional list of dates for extra race meetings this season:

April 3.

May 1.

June 5.

October 2.

Early November.

Easter Monday Meeting.

Later.

The Fanling-Hunt will hold their next steeplechase meeting on Easter Monday, April 5.

The programme is now being arranged.

STEADY WINS.

HARD HITTING FAILS IN TENNIS.

TENACIOUS VICTOR.

Plodding away steadily from the base-line, G. W. Sewell, who is one of the most consistent of the Club players, defeated a more brilliant opponent in F. A. Redmond in the first round of the open singles championship, at the H.K.C.C. lawn tennis tournament yesterday.

The first two sets went to Sewell who profited by Redmond either hitting into the net or outside when attempting to win a point. A strong and supple wrist enabled Redmond to bring off a variety of shots but Sewell just hung on grimly.

When leading in the third set, Sewell went out to snatch victory and failed, necessitating another set. He then resumed his earlier tactics and won.

In the open doubles, the redoubtable Lo brothers had little difficulty in winning their tie.

Results:—
Open Singles (first round):—
G. W. Sewell beat F. A. Redmond 6-4, 6-4, 11-13, 6-1. Major W. B. Stevenson beat S. A. Hussain 6-1, 6-3, 6-3.

Open Doubles (first round):—
M. K. and M. W. Lo beat G. and J. Rodger 6-3, 6-1, 6-3.

Club Championship (first round):—
A. H. Crook beat T. D. E. Pendered 5-7, 6-0, 6-3, 6-2.

YACHTING PEACE.

EX-ENEMIES TO BE ADMITTED.

LATEST HOME DECISION.

(via Colombo.)

London, Feb. 18.
The annual meeting of the Yacht Racing Association resumed a resolution prohibiting Germans from racing with British yachtsmen for a decade after the signing of peace.

The chairman said that after the Locarno Pact the least they could do was to accept their one-time enemies in the friendliest spirit.

The Princes of Wales was elected President of the Association.

VARSITY CRICKET.

The following will be the teams in the cricket match between Dr. R. A. Ponsonby's Educational XI against the University "Phoenixes" this Wednesday at 2 p.m. on the University ground:—
Dr. Ponsonby's XI:—Dr. R. A. Ponsonby, Fane (capt.), A. E. Wood, A. S. Hett, F. J. Rome, Prof. F. A. Redmond, W. J. Gittins, Ray, W. T. Featherstone, T. J. Price, T. E. Yeoh, Dr. D. K. Samy, J. L. Youngs, University "Phoenixes":—A. A. Rumbahn (capt.), E. Balhatchell, B. P. Ng, C. W. Lam, S. C. Shabudin, D. Lamy, S. Hachluna, E. Zimmerman, B. N. Sudan, H. Y. Leong, S. V. Gittins.

MAGIC CUP.

SEMI-FINALS OF ENGLISH F. A. TROPHY.

MANCHESTER "DERBY"

For the semi-final of the English Football Association Cup, the draw, as called by Reuter, is:—
Manchester City v. Manchester United, at Bramall Lane (the ground of Sheffield United).
Swansea Town v. Nottingham Forest or Bolton Wanderers, at White Hart Lane (the ground of Tottenham Hotspur, London).

Nottingham Forest and Bolton Wanderers drew in their sixth round tie. The winners, of course, of the replay, meet Swansea, Swansea and Nottingham Forest are in Division II of the league; the others are in Division I.

Swansea have never played in the magic Cup final. The other four have each won the trophy once.

Bolton Wanderers were runners-up in 1894 and 1903. In the latter year they lost to Manchester City; this is the only occasion that the City has been in the semi-final. They in 1923 Bolton Wanderers lifted the Cup.

Nottingham Forest were in the final of 1898 when they won. Manchester United have also the final of 1909 to their credit, when they won.

Manchester United won their way back to Division I of the league at the end of last season, and are now sixth. Bolton Wanderers are in the bottom half and Manchester City are just and in danger of relegation. Swansea climbed up from Division III last season, and are now in the top half of Division II. Nottingham Forest were relegated from Division I, and are now in danger of losing their place in Division III.



JAMES H. HOCKING

Although James H. Hocking of New York is seventy years old, he walks nearly ten miles every day, just to "keep in trim." In the last twenty years he says he has hiked 60,000 miles.

IN THE LEAGUE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 8.
In division II of the league, Clapton Orient drew with Blackpool 2-2.

The table now stands:—

Division II.

Goals.

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Derby City.....31 19 6 63 31 44

Wednesday.....30 20 3 70 37 43

Chelsea.....31 15 9 76 39 39

South Shields.....31 16 4 11 50 45 36

Oldham.....30 15 3 10 56 42 35

Middlesbrough.....31 17 1 15 68 58 35

Swansea.....28 15 4 9 61 41 34

Port Vale.....31 15 4 12 63 53 34

Blackpool.....32 13 7 12 65 55 33

Wolves.....31 13 5 13 52 47 31

Hull City.....31 12 7 12 47 43 31

Bradford.....31 12 7 12 59 64 31

Southampton.....31 11 8 12 36 47 30

Preston.....31 13 4 14 52 62 30

Southampton.....31 11 6 15 51 51 28

Darlington.....31 10 9 12 45 58 28

Sarnley.....31 9 10 12 45 58 28

Fulham.....31 9 6 16 41 61 24

Rotherham.....29 8 7 14 33 60 23

Clapton.....29 8 5 16 36 51 21

Nottingham Forest.....29 7 15 30 52 21

Stockport.....32 6 7 19 40 75 19

POINT TO POINT.

EXPERIMENTAL RACE ON SUNDAY.

ENTRANTS, PLEASE NOTE.

(Contributed.)

It is suggested that a point-to-point race be held by the Fanling Hunt this Sunday, starting from behind Mr. Post's bungalow at Fanling at 11 a.m.

The course will be round flags and over typical hunting "country," distance from 4 to 5 miles. If there are sufficient entries, the race will be split in two—one for heavyweights (165 lbs. and over) and one for lightweight (150 lbs.).

Otherwise the entrants will run in one race when the sweep of \$2 for each pony will be divided between the first heavyweight and the first lightweight horse.

The object of the race this time is to experiment and work out trial courses for "pukka" point-to-point meetings, which it is hoped, will be held in future hunting seasons.

It would very much facilitate matters if those willing to enter will send in names to Dr. F. Pierce, Groove, Alexandra Building, before Friday morning so that the Joint Masters of the Hunt could have some idea of what support will be forthcoming, and whether it is worth while getting up the run on such short notice.

FULL SCORES.

LAST TEST IN WEST INDIES.

FIGURES BY MAIL.

Detailed scores of the last West Indies cricket Test tended in a draw at Georgetown on February 18) are:—

West Indies.—1st Innings.

Dewhurst, c and b Jameson.....54

Challenor, c Smith, b Kilner.....32

Fernandes, c Holmes, b Kilner.....0

Neblett, b Hammond.....0

Small, c Watson, b Astill.....0

St. Hill, b Jameson.....72

Wright, c Hammond, b Watson.....90

Brown, not out.....102

Austin, c Astill, b Kilner.....16

Constantine, b.w., b Root.....13

Francis, run out.....7

Extras.....23

Total.....462

Root.....1 for 67

Calderhead.....0 for 63

Kilner.....3 for 89

Hammond.....1 for 73

Astill.....1 for 68

Watson.....1 for 25

Jameson.....2 for 37

Tennison.....0 for 17

M.C.C.—1st Innings.

Mr. H. L. Dales, l.b.w., b Small.....6

P. Holmes, b Constantine.....53

E. J. Smith, b Francis.....22

Capt. T. O. Jameson, b Neblett.....2

W. E. Astill, l.b.w., b Neblett.....1

F. Watson, c Francis, b Browne.....59

Hon. L. H. Tennison, b Browne.....9

R. Kilner, c Constantine, b Small.....9

F. Root, c Challenor, b Francis.....9

W. R. Hammond, b Francis.....39

Hon. F. S. G. Calthorpe, not out.....39

Extras.....15

Total.....264

Francis.....3 for 57

Small.....2 for 67

Constantine.....1 for 24

Browne.....2 for 35

Neblett.....2 for 68

M.C.C.—2nd Innings.

Calthorpe, b Francis.....5

Smith, c Small, b Constantine.....17

Watson, c Brown, b Francis.....11

Hammond, c Wright, b Constantine.....8

Holmes, c Dewhurst, b Constantine.....47

Dales, b Francis.....1

Jameson, c Francis, b Neblett.....17

Astill, b Constantine.....61

Tennison, not out.....57

Kilner, not out.....18

Extras.....15

Total (for 8 wickets).....243

Small.....0 for 43

Francis.....3 for 68

Browne.....0 for 27

Neblett.....1 for 58

Constantine.....4 for 52

FANLING GOLF.

At Fanling on Sunday in the final of the Junior Championship of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, A. Humphreys, beat G. Layton by four up and three to play.

FLOWER SHOW.

This public is reminded that the hours during which the show organized by the Hongkong Horticultural Society will be open on Thursday are 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

TO MASK OR NOT.

EXCELLENT CLOAK FOR IDENTITY.

SPIRIT OF CARNIVAL.

That a Ball is bound to be more successful if all or most of the participants are masked, is a statement that surely admits of no qualification.

We human beings are but children without the child's absolute self-consciousness. "We love to be and to behave as children, but we detest the thought of making ourselves ridiculous."

How much to be envied are those grown-ups who, fearing no ridicule, and very seldom getting any, can behave as, and be at ease with children of any age in any mad pranks, however absurd.

Unfortunately most of us need some "outside" stimulus before we can shed our self-consciousness, and no aid to forgetting oneself is so potent as anonymity. The student citizen of Hongkong can almost let himself go when he reaches pastures new and fresh—whether these same pastures are the Kit Cat Club, the Piccadilly Grill, or the Hammer-smith, Palais de Danse.

To those to whom a disguise is necessary before letting go of their everyday selves, there has been no such golden opportunity this winter of shedding all mundane cares, as is promised at the Masked Ball on March 19.

The disguise, the Spirit of Carnival, the Music from the Two Bands, the Lure of the Unknown, and the introduction, just for the evening, of the touch of Romance, all tend to put the individual, however disgruntled he may be during the day, on the very best terms with himself.

It is a pity that Diplomatic Usage prevents an open invitation being sent to some of our friends in Canton.

What history might be made in a corner of the Ballroom, or over a bottle of champagne—that mighty healer of wrongs, real or imaginary—if a few of the leading spirits of Hongkong and Canton could foregather in the Spirit of the evening, and stage a local Locarno act. Then indeed would the Masked Ball of March 19 go down in Hongkong history alongside that other Ball at Brussels over 100 years ago.

As a side thought, does this not all bring to the fore the great and beneficent good that would eventually be that Cosmopolitan Club that was in existence, in the Spirit of friendliness generated by the atmosphere which, it is hoped, will pervade the City Hall on this occasion—and which would be a necessary ingredient of a properly run Cosmopolitan Club—more disagreements would be straightened out, and more friendships would be formed in a single evening than could be brought about by weeks of barren discussion in cold, official board rooms, amidst formal surroundings.

However, that is getting away from the present question which is that of Masking. That anyone will deliberately choose to come to the Ball unmasked is not to be thought of for a moment, but the danger lies in leaving the question of obtaining a Mask too late. A bare ten days is all that there is before the Ball.

Luckily a very simple Mask that fulfils all the purpose of a disguise can easily be made at home, or a tailor would probably be able to cut out something that "can pass."

Dominoes for such as have them, are excellent as a cloak for one's identity and many kinds of fancy dresses are as effective as a mask. The whole point at question is time.

If everyone gets busy on the problem of disguises now, at once there will be no agonised last moment searches for "any old thing" to serve to cloak one's sins of procrastination.

Meanwhile as music is the prime necessity for a successful Ball, and all have the unique chance of choosing their own programme of favourite dances, it behooves all to be up and doing, to get their coupons filled up and sent in as soon as possible. Verb. sap.

It should be added that if there are dances not included in the list which a number of people wish to be played at the Ball, it is only necessary to send the names of them in to have them included in the programme. It must be distinctly understood however, that no change can be made in the program list, which was compiled after consultation with the leaders of several bands as to which dances drew the most encores.

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PEAK HOSPITAL.

COST OF TAKING IT OVER.

FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE.

As from January 1, 1926, the Government took over the Peak Hospital as a Government Hospital under the direction of the Principal Civil Medical Officer with the assistance of an Advisory Committee of three Medical Practitioners.

Funds are necessary to pay off the debt balance on the advance account on December 31, 1925, amounting to \$10,077.98; to make up the deficit of expenditure (estimated at \$35,000) over receipts (estimated at \$25,000) for the year 1926; and to pay for certain necessary repairs to the building, estimated at \$8,500.

A supplementary vote was accordingly passed at yesterday's Finance Committee meeting for the above sum of \$23,578, made up as above:—

To clear advance account \$10,078
Estimated 1926 deficit.....10,009
Repairs to hospital.....8,500

Total.....\$28,578

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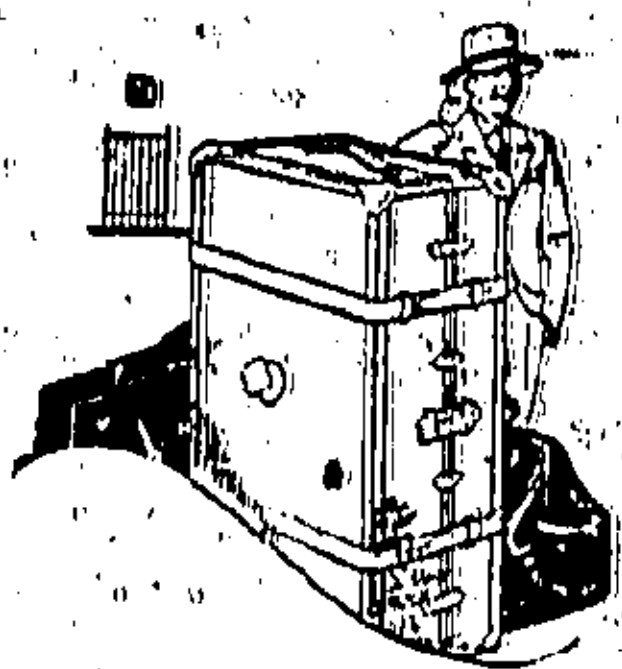
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People and Events in the News of the World



MRS. MUSSOLINI AND CHILDREN

Although legally married for years, Premier Mussolini, of Italy, has just gone through the religious ceremony with his wife. They were united at a civil ceremony while Mussolini was editor of a Socialist newspaper.



BARBARA LA MARR

Barbara La Marr, the actress, was reported to be critically ill at her home in Los Angeles.



MR. & MRS. AUSTIN E. CURTISS

Austin Eno Curtiss has been suspended from Yale University after his marriage to Dorris Connors, New Haven.



VILMA BANKY RUDOLPH VALENTINO

According to reports from Paris, Rudolph Valentino went through an experience which sounds just like a "movie plot" when Baron Imre Lukatz, a Budapest millionaire, swung an angry right at the star. Rudy ducked and knocked the Baron cold with a right hook. The Baron, in love with Vilma Banky, was jealous of Rudy's love-making with the Hungarian beauty in a film. He challenged the actor to a duel, but it was settled amicably.



JOHN McDERMOTT GREELY

John McDermott Greeley, a nine-year old boy of Brooklyn, is believed to have been kidnapped.



Governor Ritchie

Count Alfred De Niczycouski

Governor Ritchie of Maryland has been mentioned as a possible Democratic candidate for President in 1928 on a "wet" ticket. Count Alfred De Niczycouski, president of the Polish Navigation Corporation, has been negotiating about the seizure of Polish ships for debts. Mrs. Florence Knapp, New York Secretary of State, may stand for Lieutenant-Governor at the next election. E. Frank Cheatham has been named U.S. Quartermaster-General to succeed the late Major-General William H. Hart.



PRINCESS LOUISE & ENRICO TOSELLI

Signor Enrico Toselli, an operatic composer and singer, who, in 1907, eloped with and married Princess Louise, the divorced wife of King Frederick Augustus, of Saxony, died at Florence, Italy, in poverty.



EDITH BOBE

Edith Böbe, a wealthy New York dressmaker, figured several months ago in a sensational jewel robbery, robbers beating her and stealing her valuables, has now announced her marriage to Robert L. Hague, a Standard Oil official.



Mrs. Florence Knapp

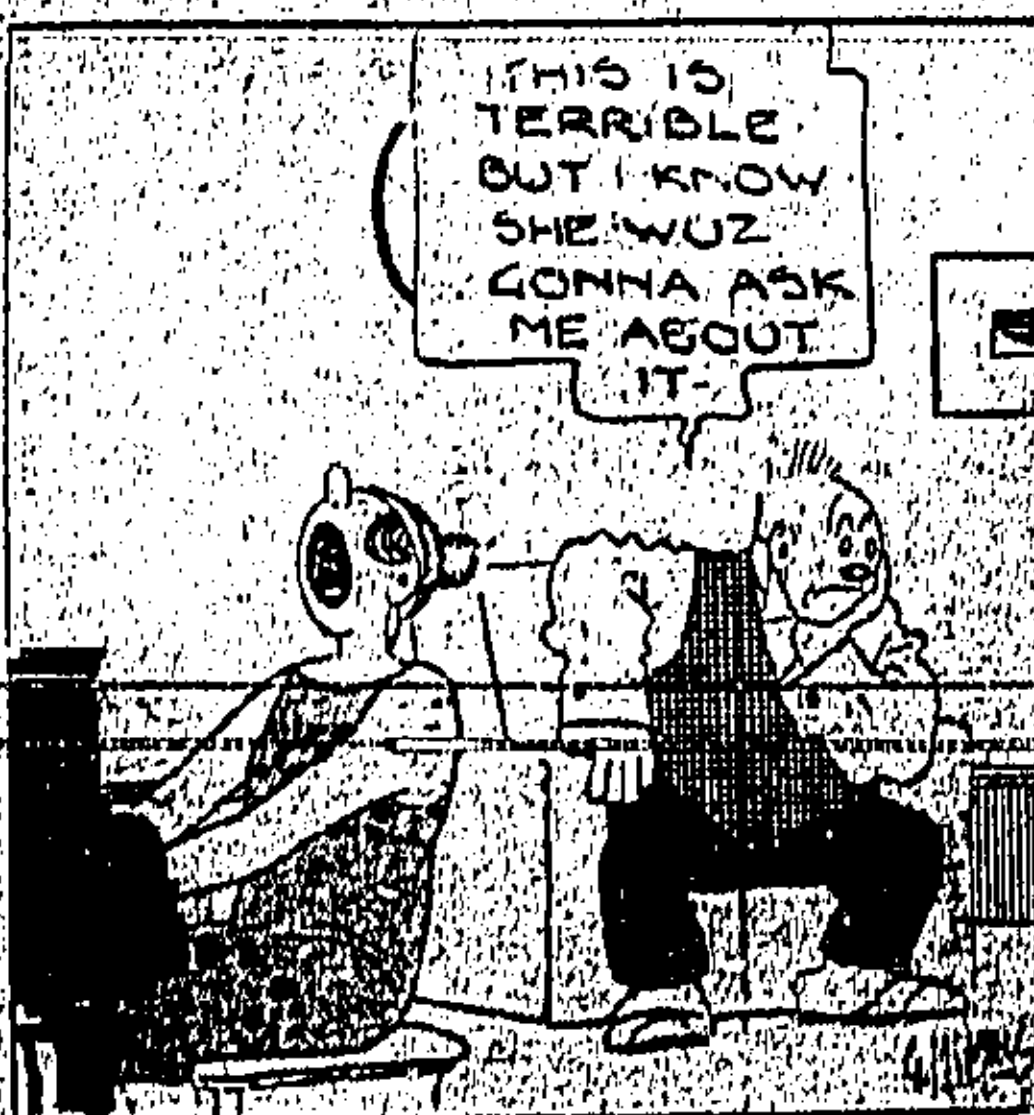
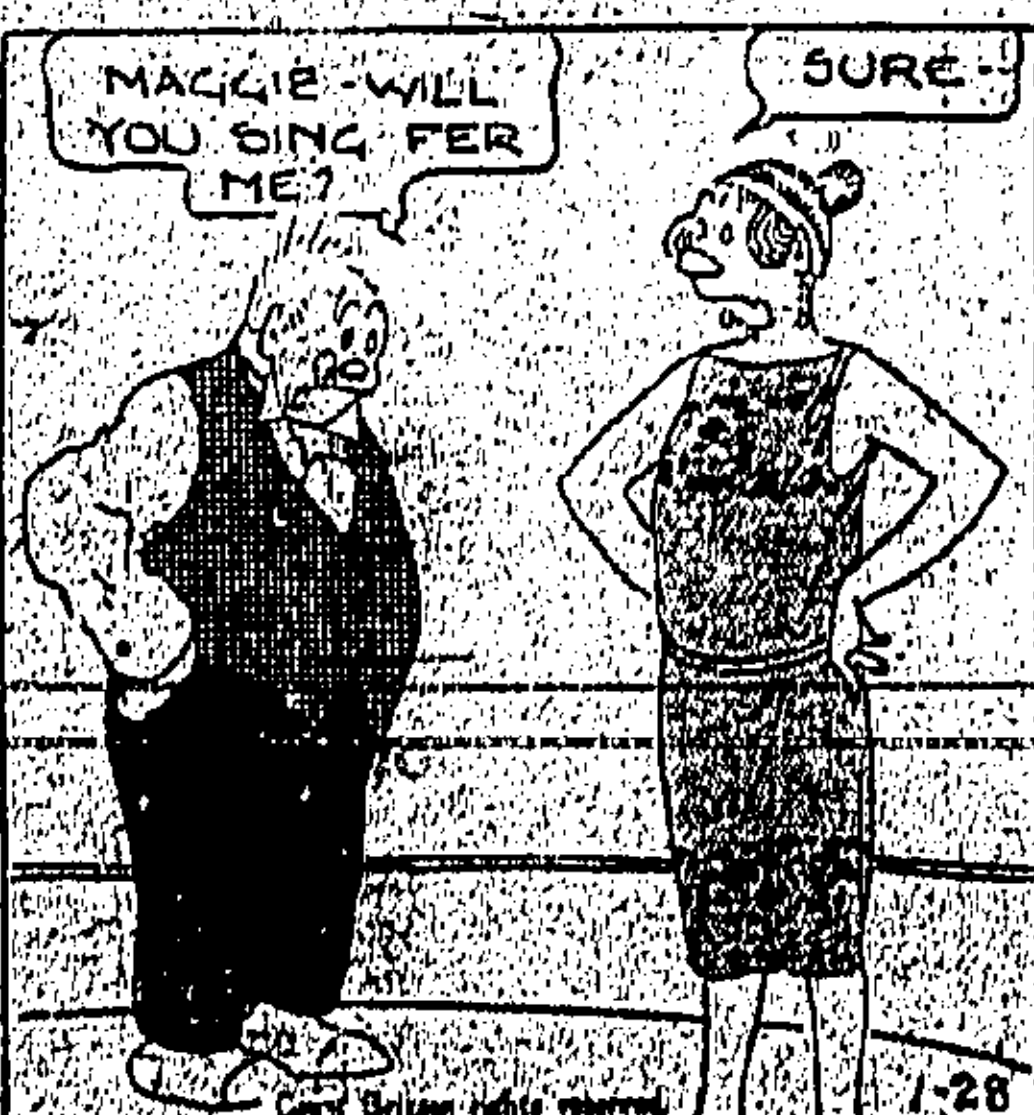
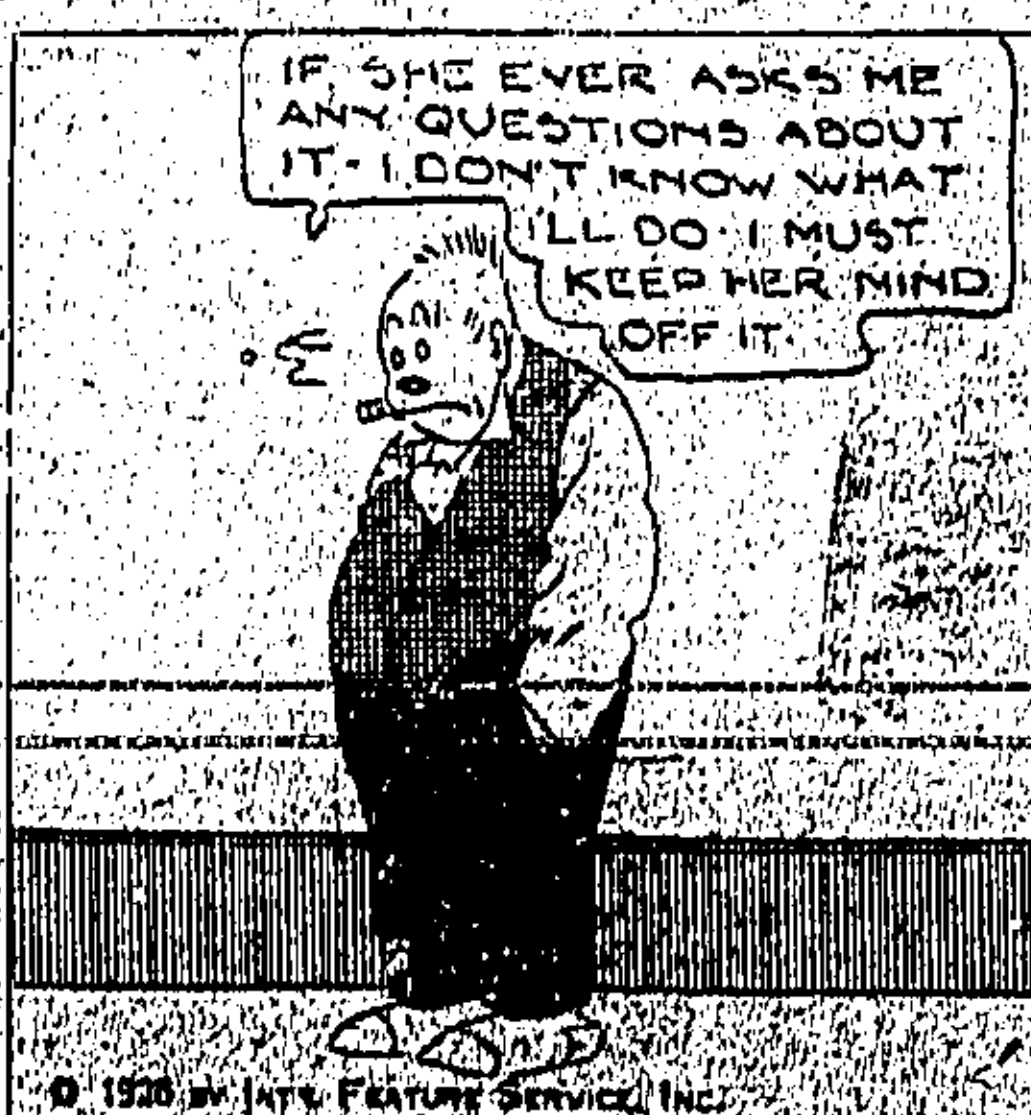
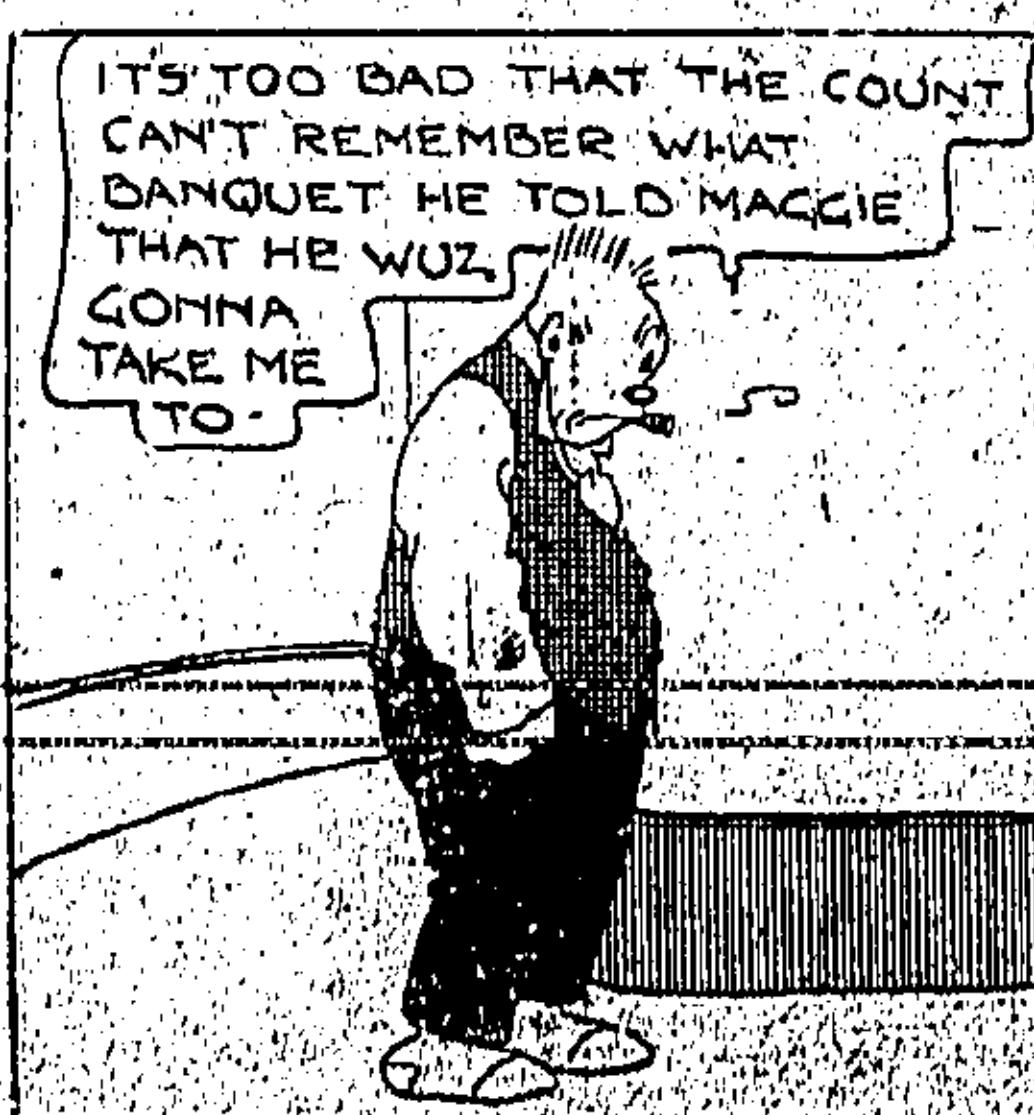
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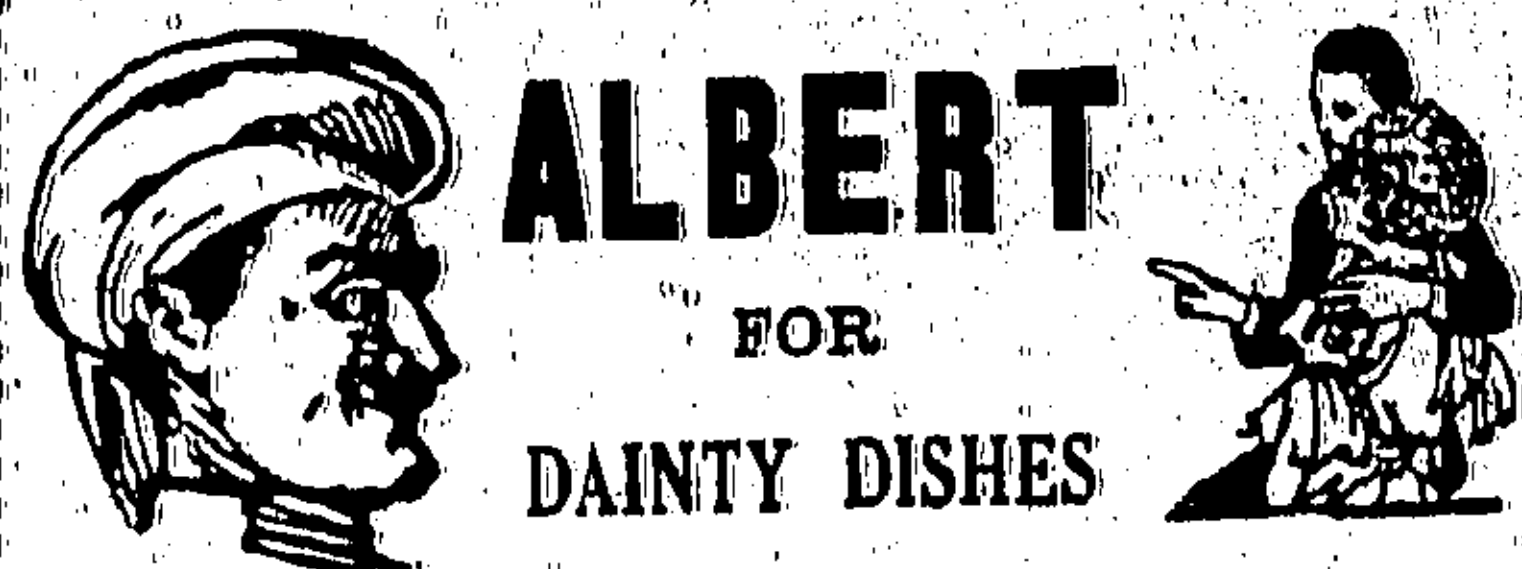
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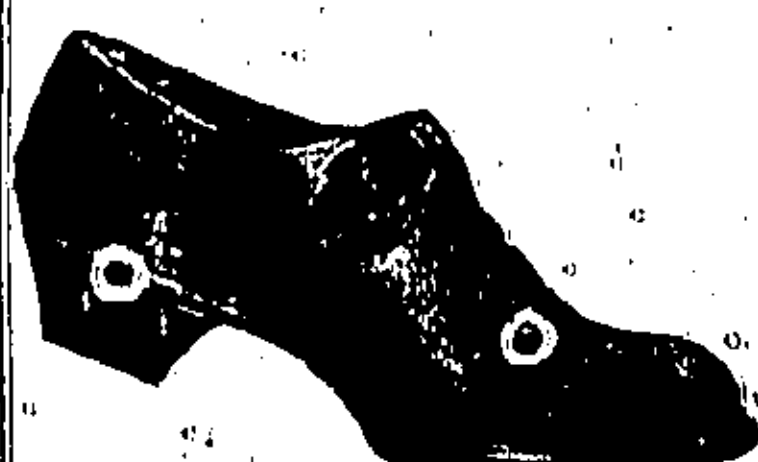
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SHIPS' OFFICERS:

HISTORY OF THE RECENT DISPUTE.

SATISFACTORY DECISION.

Commenting on the withdrawal by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., of the proposals referring to salary reductions for ships' officers, the "China Press" of February 28 says:—
The decision of the Company was received in Shanghai with general satisfaction by those concerned, and has brought to a conclusion a state of affairs between the men and their employers that was, to say the least, fraught with grave possibilities and difficulties.
It has been common knowledge along the China coast for many months that it was proposed to reduce the salaries of officers and engineers on the ships of a certain company, and when the announcement came from Jardine, Matheson & Co., it was not unexpected. Consequently, when the proposal was made, it met with strong opposition from the China Coast Officers' Guild and also the Marine Engineers' Guild, both of which made it known in no uncertain voice that such action would meet with the united disapproval of the members.

Negotiations have been in progress since last August, when the first official intimation of the Company's intentions were made known by letter to the Guilds. The latter stated that Jardine, Matheson & Co., proposed certain reductions in salaries and asked the Guild to support them. The matter was discussed at various meetings of the Guilds right up to the present time, and a conference, was also held with the Company, but nothing came out of them and no settlement could be effected. When it was found that the Guilds would not agree in a body to the proposals, private meetings of the Company's own employees were called in order to put the matter before them, but the men intimated that the only proper method of discussing the question was through the Guilds. The Company then came back to the Guilds and wanted to make the reduction effective and, also, wanted to know what the men were going to do. The answer was given in the ultimatum issued on Friday.

This was the history of the dispute as given by Mr. Watson yesterday, and he added that, so far as the Guild was concerned, the matter was finished with now that the proposal of the Company had been withdrawn.

United Front.

The sending of the ultimatum was the outcome of the decision made at a combined meeting of the two Guilds held on Thursday evening, but what transpired at that meeting and what was to be the attitude of the members had to be the Company persisted with their proposals, has not been divulged. Sufficient it is to state that the officers of the Company, both deck and engineers, were prepared to pre-

sent a united front in the defence of their mutual interests and had come to a "momentous and serious decision" in the matter.

Mr. Kirby said that it was not his intention to make any statement regarding the reasons for the Guild taking the decisive step that it had, as his idea was that, in all negotiations of their character between the officers on the Coast and their employers, it was always the party who made the first move who should make the first statement. As the Company had called for the reduction in wages, the onus of making the first statement for the benefit of the public rested with them.

Mr. Watson added that he wanted it made clear that so far as the Guilds were concerned the matter was finished.
In conversation later Mr. Watson said that, in view of the present high cost of living, it was well-known that the wages were really below a fair average, but up to the present, the Guild had refrained from making any advances for an increase. The recent trouble only served to show the value of the Guilds to the officers of the Coast since, without a united front and without the support of the other members, it was more than likely that the officers of the Company concerned would have been unable to meet the crisis. "He did not feel justified in giving any statement to the public at this juncture and would withhold any comment until the Company made their statement."

Pay And Company's Earnings.
Just, however, to show that the officers were justified in taking the stand they had, he quoted from the report of the statement made by the shipping companies before the arbitration body in 1917. The companies, Jardine, Matheson & Co., and Butterfield & Swire, stated before the arbitrators inter alia: "That the rate of pay is not necessarily dependent on the earnings of the company, but by the volume of the services rendered by the employer in question." The clause went on to state "and it is for the officer concerned to establish that the existing rate of pay is out of proportion to the service rendered."

Since a reduction in pay was the matter in question on this occasion, not an increase, it was for the Company to show that the services rendered by the officer were not in proportion to the pay and, in doing so, the earnings of the company could not enter into the question. The officers of the Guilds realised that the companies had not been experiencing the best of times and this had been a great factor restraining them absolutely from making any advances for an increase in salary, despite the increase in the cost of living.

Mr. Watson stated that the recent trouble was the first that had occurred since the strike in 1916, which was mainly over the recognition of the Guild and also for an increase in pay. The result of the strike was the granting of an increase in wages. There had been absolutely no trouble since that time and everything had gone along smoothly.

TRADE FIGURES.

BUREAU RE-OPENING REFERRED BACK.

CHAMBER AND ECONOMY.

The agenda of the Finance Committee yesterday contained a reference to the proposed re-establishment of the Statistical Branch of the Imports and Exports Department.

The Chairman said that, with the permission of the Committee, he would withdraw this item and bring it up for consideration at a later date. He intimated a wish to refer the matter to the General Chamber of Commerce.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak said that two months ago the Chamber of Commerce gave a very emphatic opinion in favour of the Statistical Branch being re-established.

The Chairman: And you recommended some economies.

The Chairman undertook to bring the matter before the meeting of the Finance Committee next week.

The teacher in the nautical school was instructing the would-be ships' officers about the barometer.

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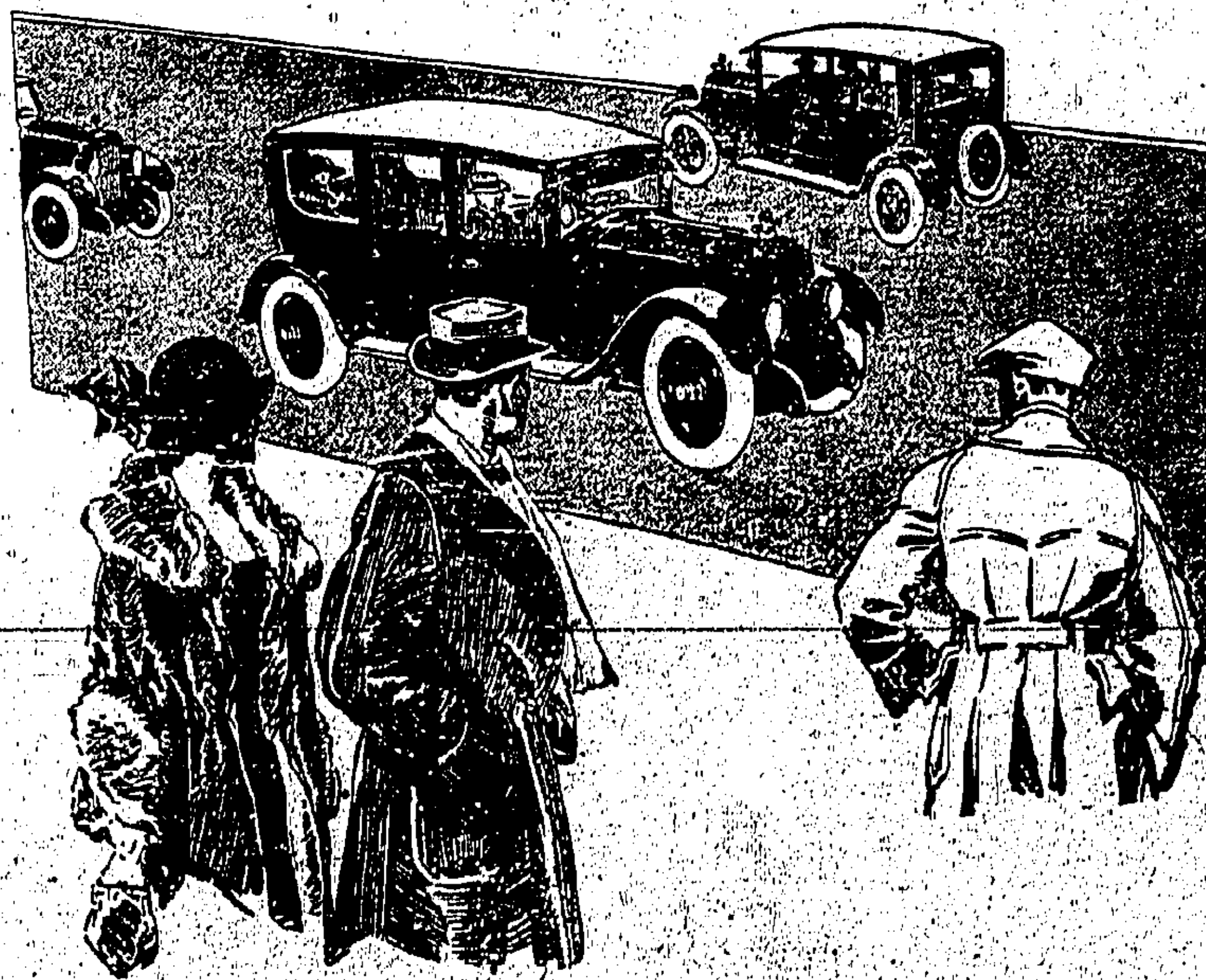
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